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MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2002

TO: COUNCILWOMAN JOYCE WOODSON

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CENSUS
2000 REPORTS

Attached are the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Census 2000 reports that you requested at the September 24, City Council meeting.

Attachments

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager

2000 COG Region Population Totals 4,211,964 Persons

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Welcome to the first in a series of COG Census 2000 reports.

A Census is:

- Required by the Constitution to determine congressional representation
- A "snapshot" every 10 years of the nation's population

This first issue of "Our Changing Region" was compiled from the Public Law 94-171 (PL94-171) congressional redistricting data—the first information released from Census 2000. While the federally defined Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (or PMSA) includes a number of jurisdictions that are not members of COG, this is the first in a series of publications that will focus on what Census 2000 reveals about the COG region.

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Jurisdiction	Census 2000 Population
District of Columbia	572,059
Frederick County	195,277
Montgomery County	873,341
City of Gaithersburg ¹	52,613
City of Rockville ¹	47,388
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,299
Prince George's County	801,515
City of Bowie ¹	50,269
City of College Park ¹	24,657
City of Greenbelt ¹	21,456
Maryland Suburbs	1,870,133
Arlington County	189,453
Fairfax County	969,749
Loudoun County	169,599
Prince William County	280,813
City of Alexandria	128,283
City of Fairfax	21,498
City of Falls Church	10,377
Virginia Suburbs	1,769,772
COG Member Jurisdictions	4,211,964
Washington PMSA	4,493,018

Source: COG tabulation of Census 2000 PL 94-171 Redistricting Data

(1) Population in Maryland cities is included in appropriate county totals.

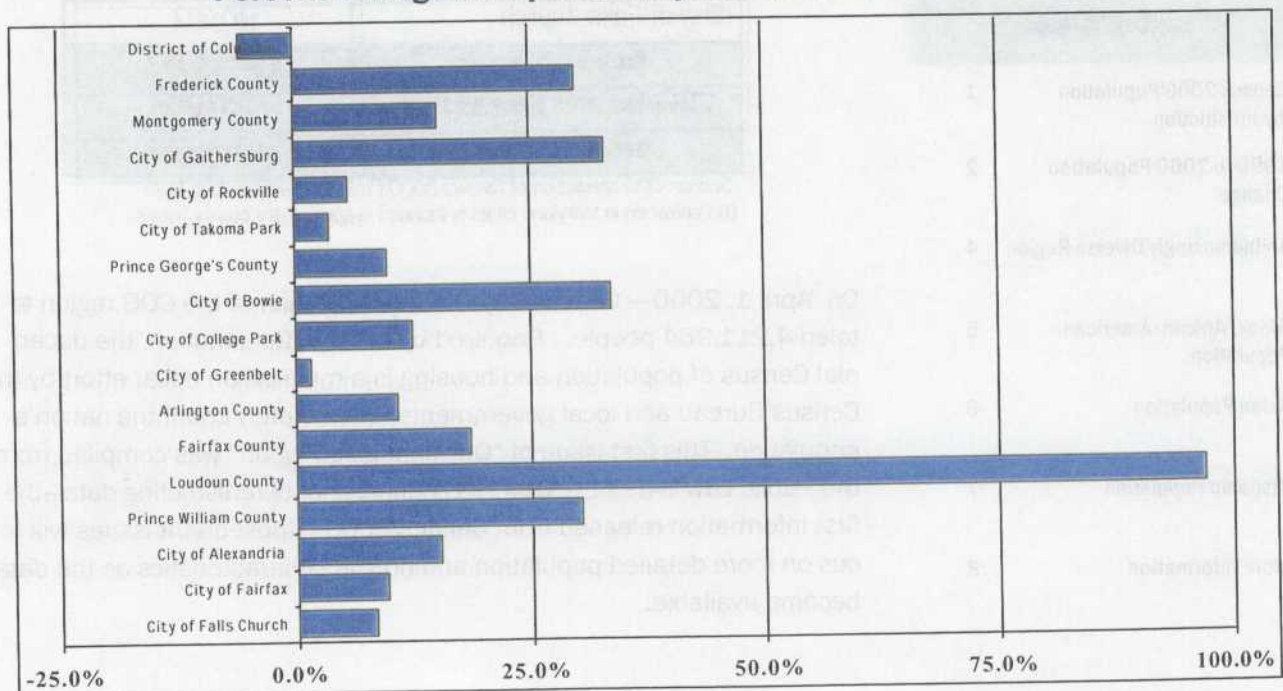
On April 1, 2000 — Census Day — the population of the COG region totaled 4,211,964 people. Required by the U.S. Constitution, the decennial Census of population and housing is a multi-billion dollar effort by the Census Bureau and local governments to accurately count the nation's population. This first issue of "Our Changing Region" was compiled from the Public Law 94-171 (PL94-171) congressional redistricting data—the first information released from Census 2000. Subsequent issues will focus on more detailed population and housing characteristics as the data become available.

COG Region Population Grew by More Than 14 Percent

COG Member Jurisdiction	Population		Change 1990 to 2000		Share of Regional Growth
	2000	1990	Number	Percent	
District of Columbia	572,059	606,900	-34,841	-5.7%	-6.5%
Frederick County	195,277	150,208	45,069	30.0%	8.4%
Montgomery County	873,341	757,027	116,314	15.4%	21.7%
City of Gaithersburg	52,613	39,542	13,071	33.1%	2.4%
City of Rockville ¹	47,388	44,835	2,553	5.7%	0.5%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,299	16,700	599	3.6%	0.1%
Prince George's County	801,515	729,268	72,247	9.9%	13.5%
City of Bowie ¹	50,269	37,589	12,680	33.7%	2.4%
City of College Park ¹	24,657	21,927	2,730	12.5%	0.5%
City of Greenbelt ¹	21,456	21,096	360	1.7%	0.1%
Maryland Suburbs	1,870,133	1,636,503	233,630	14.3%	43.5%
Arlington County	189,453	170,936	18,517	10.8%	3.4%
Fairfax County	969,749	818,584	151,165	18.5%	28.2%
Loudoun County	169,599	86,129	83,470	96.9%	15.5%
Prince William County	280,813	215,686	65,127	30.2%	12.1%
City of Alexandria	128,283	111,183	17,100	15.4%	3.2%
City of Fairfax	21,498	19,622	1,876	9.6%	0.3%
City of Falls Church	10,377	9,578	799	8.3%	0.1%
Virginia Suburbs	1,769,772	1,431,718	338,054	23.6%	63.0%
TOTAL	4,211,964	3,675,121	536,843	14.6%	100.0%

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Percent Change in Population by Jurisdiction, 1990 to 2000



1990 to 2000 Population Change

Between 1990 and 2000, the population of the COG region grew by more than 536,800 people or an increase of 14.6 percent.

With a total population of 969,749, Fairfax County contains the greatest number of people, followed by Montgomery County (873,341), and Prince George's County (801,515).

The District of Columbia's population of 572,059 was approximately 6 percent lower than the 1990 total of 606,900.

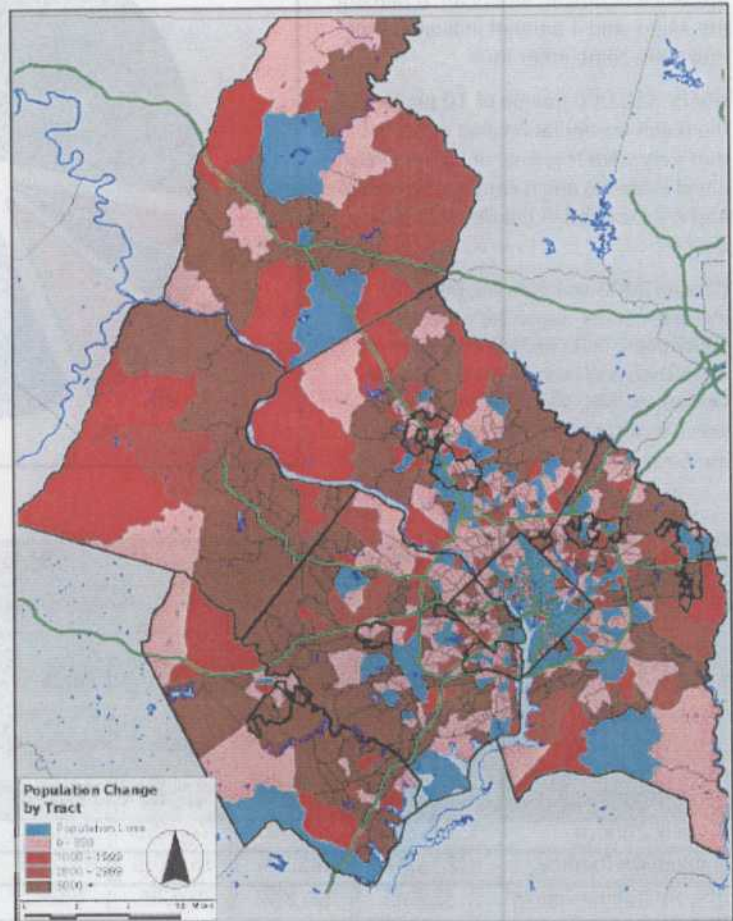
As seen in the table on page 2, population growth varied by jurisdiction, with the fastest rates of change in the region's suburbs. The map on this page shows population change between 1990 and 2000 by Census Tract for the COG member jurisdictions.

While several jurisdictions experienced unprecedented growth during the 1990s, for the COG region as a whole, population growth was actually slower than during the 1980s when the region grew by more than 594,000 people or 19.3 percent.

Population growth in Northern Virginia exceeded that of suburban Maryland during the 1990s, adding 338,054 people during the period. However, the Maryland jurisdictions, which grew by 233,630, continue to contain a larger share of the region's total population with more than 1,636,500 people.

In absolute terms, the greatest increases in population occurred in the region's two most populous jurisdictions, Fairfax and Montgomery counties, which added, respectively, 151,165 and 116,314 people.

Loudoun County saw the third-largest increase in population, adding 83,470 people, but saw the fastest rate of change: the population of Loudoun County nearly doubled (+96.9 per-



cent) between 1990 and 2000.

Other jurisdictions experiencing rapid rates of growth during the 1990s include the Cities of Bowie and Gaithersburg which grew, respectively, by 33.7 and 33.1 percent; Prince William County, which grew by 30.2 percent; and Frederick County, which grew by 30.0 percent.

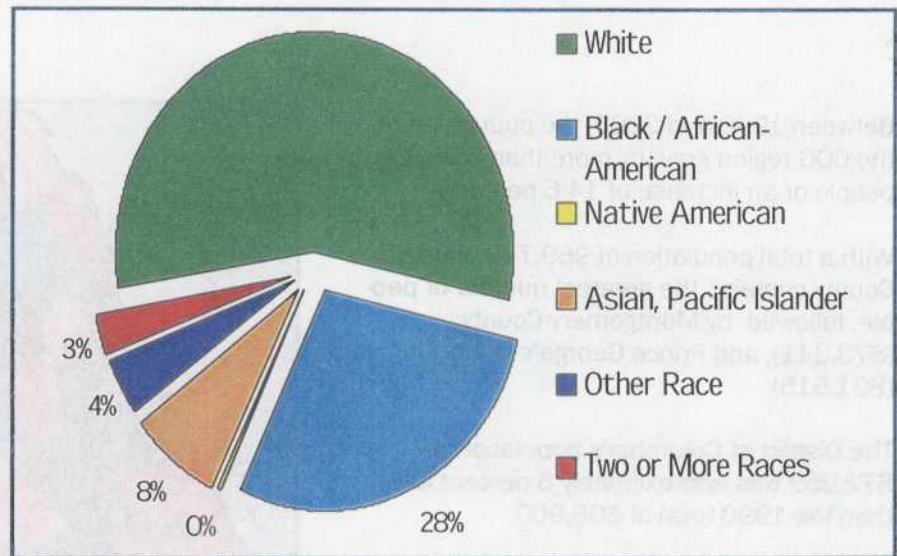
Census 2000 clearly shows how the Washington region continues to become more racially and ethnically diverse.

More than half (57 percent) of the region's population is White; 28 percent are Black or African American; 8 percent are Asian; and 4 percent indicated that they were some other race.

Nearly 410,000 people or 10 percent of the region's population also indicated that they were Hispanic or Latino. People of Hispanic origin can be of any race and are included in the detailed race counts.

Census 2000 was also the first enumeration of the region for which residents could indicate that they were of more than one race. According to the Census counts, 131,734 people or 3 percent of the region's population is multi-racial.

An Increasingly Diverse Region



COG Member Jurisdictions	TOTAL Population	Population by Race							Total Hispanic ¹
		Population of One Race						Population of Two or More Races	
		Total Population of One Race	White	Black or African-American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian, Hawaiian, Other Pacific	Other Race		
District of Columbia	572,059	558,613	176,101	343,312	1,713	15,537	21,950	13,446	44,953
Frederick County	195,277	192,401	174,432	12,429	404	3,330	1,806	2,876	4,664
Montgomery County	873,341	843,224	565,719	132,256	2,544	99,063	43,642	30,117	100,604
City of Gaithersburg ²	52,613	50,302	30,625	7,680	188	7,274	4,535	2,311	10,398
City of Rockville ²	47,388	45,907	32,120	4,317	160	7,045	2,265	1,481	5,529
City of Takoma Park ²	17,299	16,439	8,440	5,876	76	760	1,287	860	2,494
Prince George's County	801,515	780,631	216,729	502,550	2,795	31,479	27,078	20,884	57,057
City of Bowie ²	50,269	49,111	31,492	15,500	150	1,499	470	1,158	1,468
City of College Park ²	24,657	24,088	16,969	3,929	81	2,476	633	569	1,366
City of Greenbelt ²	21,456	20,711	8,526	8,871	50	2,597	667	745	1,383
Maryland Suburbs	1,870,133	1,816,256	956,880	647,235	5,743	133,872	72,526	53,877	162,325
Arlington County	189,453	181,224	130,601	17,705	662	16,470	15,786	8,229	35,268
Fairfax County	969,749	934,311	677,904	83,098	2,561	126,729	44,019	35,438	106,958
Loudoun County	169,599	165,469	140,419	11,683	358	9,172	3,837	4,130	10,089
Prince William County	280,813	270,635	193,574	52,691	1,094	11,069	12,207	10,178	27,338
City of Alexandria	128,283	122,800	76,702	28,915	355	7,361	9,467	5,483	18,882
City of Fairfax	21,498	20,797	15,675	1,090	73	2,633	1,326	701	2,932
City of Falls Church	10,377	10,125	8,817	340	25	682	261	252	876
Virginia Suburbs	1,769,772	1,705,361	1,243,692	195,522	5,128	174,116	86,903	64,411	202,343
COG Member Jurisdictions	4,211,964	4,080,230	2,376,673	1,186,069	12,584	323,525	181,379	131,734	409,621

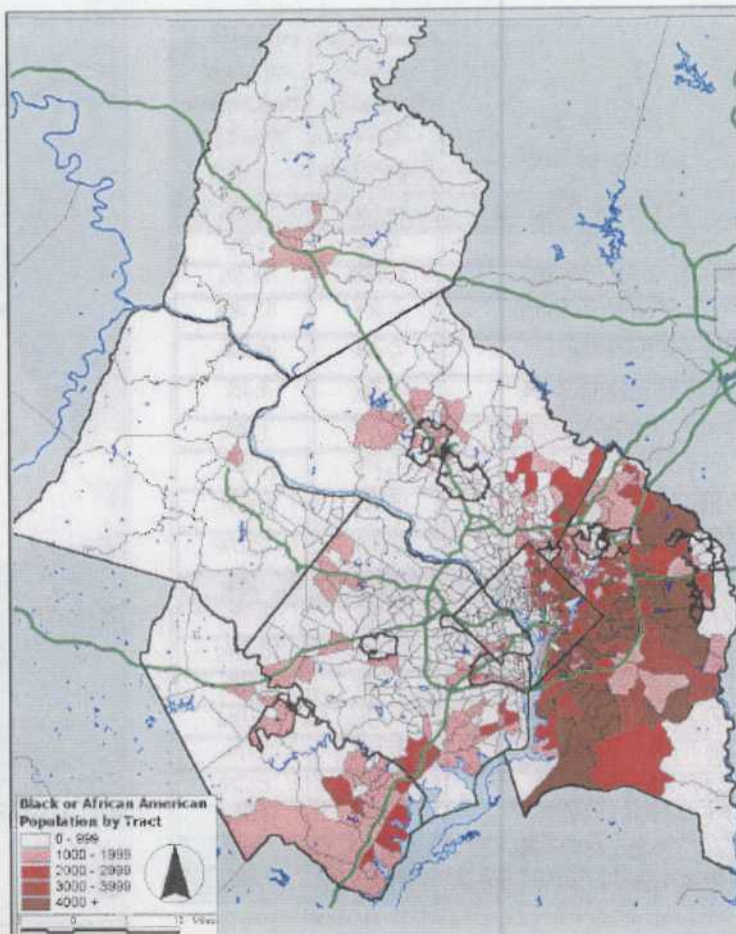
¹ People who identified themselves as "Hispanic" or "Latino" can be of any race and are included in the counts for single and multi-race categories.

² Population in Maryland cities is included in appropriate county totals.

Black / African-American Population

COG Member Jurisdictions	Local Share of the Region's Black Population	Proportion of Local Population Which is Black
District of Columbia	28.9%	60.0%
Frederick County	1.0%	6.4%
Montgomery County	11.2%	15.1%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	0.6%	14.6%
City of Rockville ¹	0.4%	9.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	0.5%	34.0%
Prince George's County	42.4%	62.7%
City of Bowie ¹	1.3%	30.8%
City of College Park ¹	0.3%	15.9%
City of Greenbelt ¹	0.7%	41.3%
Maryland Suburbs	54.6%	34.6%
Arlington County	1.5%	9.3%
Fairfax County	7.0%	8.6%
Loudoun County	1.0%	6.9%
Prince William County	4.4%	18.8%
City of Alexandria	2.4%	22.5%
City of Fairfax	0.1%	5.1%
City of Falls Church	0.0%	3.3%
Virginia Suburbs	16.5%	11.0%
COG Member Jurisdictions	100.0%	28.2%

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According to the 2000 Census, more than 1,186,000 persons or approximately 28 percent of the COG region's population is Black or African-American.

The map shows the number of African-Americans in the COG region by Census Tract.

More than half (54.6 percent) of the region's Black population resides in the Maryland suburbs, 28.9 percent reside in the District of Columbia, and 16.5 percent in Northern Virginia.

Among individual COG jurisdictions, the greatest number of African-Americans reside within Prince

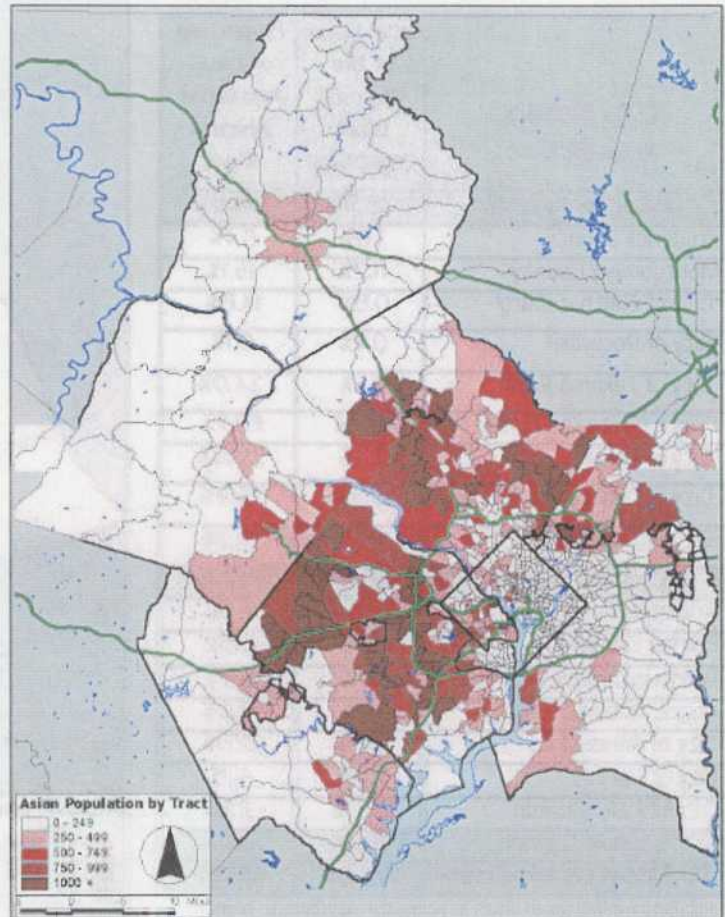
George's County, Maryland: slightly more than 2 of every 5 (42.4 percent) African-Americans in metropolitan Washington live in Prince George's.

African-Americans in Prince George's County also comprise the highest local share of the County's population (62.7 percent); in the District of Columbia, they comprise 60 percent..

Asian Population

COG Member Jurisdictions	Local Share of the Region's Asian Population	Proportion of Local Population Which is Asian
District of Columbia	4.7%	2.7%
Frederick County	1.0%	1.7%
Montgomery County	30.8%	11.3%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	2.3%	13.8%
City of Rockville ¹	2.2%	14.8%
City of Takoma Park ¹	0.2%	4.4%
Prince George's County	9.7%	3.9%
City of Bowie ¹	0.5%	2.9%
City of College Park ¹	0.8%	10.0%
City of Greenbelt ¹	0.8%	12.1%
Maryland Suburbs	41.4%	7.1%
Arlington County	5.1%	8.6%
Fairfax County	39.3%	13.0%
Loudoun County	2.8%	5.3%
Prince William County	3.3%	3.8%
City of Alexandria	2.3%	5.7%
City of Fairfax	0.8%	12.2%
City of Falls Church	0.2%	6.5%
Virginia Suburbs	53.8%	9.8%
COG Member Jurisdictions	100.0%	7.6%

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The table shows the regional and local shares of the Asian population for the COG member jurisdictions. As seen in the table, more than 323,000 persons or 7.6 percent of the region's population are Asian.

More than half (53.8 percent) of the region's Asian population resides in Northern Virginia, while more than two-fifths (41.4 percent) reside in suburban Maryland. Slightly more than 15,500 people or about 4.7 percent of the region's Asian population resides in the District of Columbia.

Fairfax County is home to the greatest share—

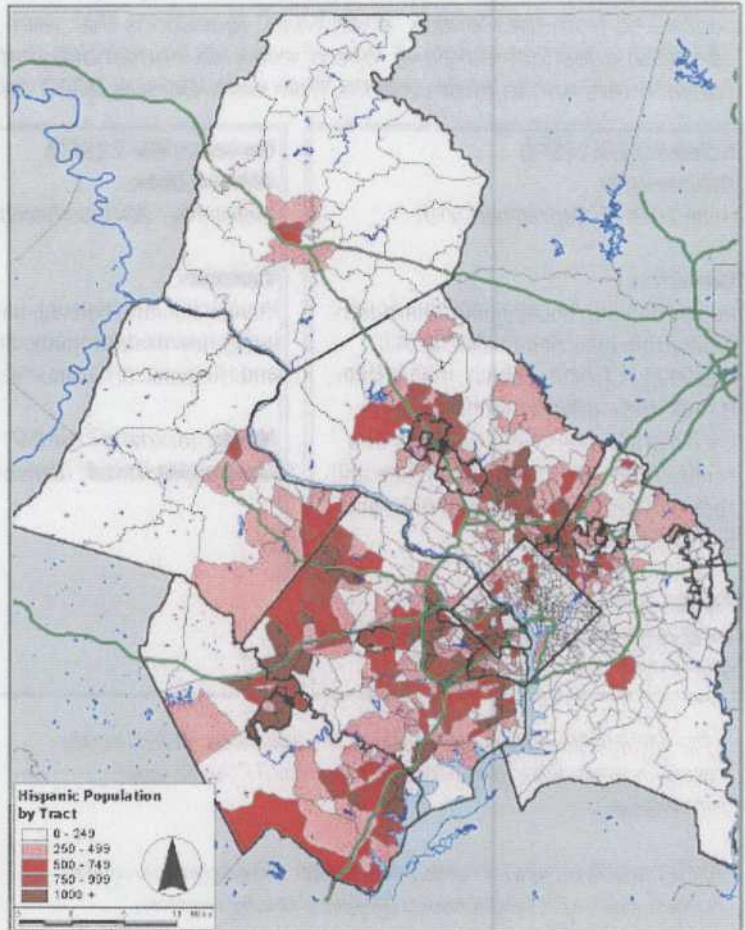
39.3 percent or nearly two-fifths—of the Asian population of the region. Nearly 31 percent of the region's Asian population resides in Montgomery County.

The Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg have the highest local share of population, 14.8 percent and 13.8 percent respectively, which is Asian.

Hispanic Population

COG Member Jurisdictions	Local Share of the Region's Hispanic Population	Proportion of Local Population Which is Hispanic
District of Columbia	11.0%	7.9%
Frederick County	1.1%	2.4%
Montgomery County	24.6%	11.5%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	2.5%	19.8%
City of Rockville ¹	1.3%	11.7%
City of Takoma Park ¹	0.6%	14.4%
Prince George's County	13.9%	7.1%
City of Bowie ¹	0.4%	2.9%
City of College Park ¹	0.3%	5.5%
City of Greenbelt ¹	0.3%	6.4%
Maryland Suburbs	39.6%	8.7%
Arlington County	8.6%	18.6%
Fairfax County	26.1%	11.0%
Loudoun County	2.5%	5.9%
Prince William County	6.7%	9.7%
City of Alexandria	4.6%	14.7%
City of Fairfax	0.7%	13.6%
City of Falls Church	0.2%	8.4%
Virginia Suburbs	49.4%	11.4%
COG Member Jurisdictions	100.0%	9.7%

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As shown in the table above, approximately 1 of every 10 persons (9.7 percent) in the COG region is Hispanic or Latino.

People who identified themselves as “Hispanic” or of “Latino” origin can be of any race and are included in the counts for single and multi-race categories.

Nearly half (49.4 percent) of all Latinos in the COG region reside in Northern Virginia; nearly two-fifths (39.6 percent) reside in the Maryland suburbs, and 11 percent reside in the District of Columbia. Together, Fairfax and Montgomery counties are home to half of the region’s Hispanic

population.

Approximately one-fifth (19.8 percent) of the population of the City of Gaithersburg is Latino—the greatest local share among all COG jurisdictions. In Arlington County, 18.6 percent of the population is Hispanic, while 14.7 percent of the population of the City of Alexandria is Latino.

Upcoming Census 2000 Data and Products

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During the next few years, the Census Bureau will release several Census 2000 data products. The content and geographic detail of each Census data file varies depending upon whether or not the information was collected from the Census "short form" (questions that were asked of ALL households) or "long form" (more-detailed questions asked of one of every six households) questionnaire. COG will prepare both summary newsletters and in-depth reports from each Census 2000 data file.

Summary File 1 (SF1)

Release Date:

June 2001 to September 2001

Contents:

Population and housing unit characteristics from questions asked of ALL households (100 % count). Population by age, race, gender, and Hispanic or Latino origin; household type and size; tenure (owned or rented unit); age and race of householder; value of unit; and amount of rent paid.

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: Census tracts; Census blocks

Summary File 2 (SF2)

Release Date:

September 2001 to December 2001

Contents:

Population and housing unit characteristics iterated for many detailed race and Hispanic or Latino categories.

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: Census tracts

Summary File 3 (SF3)

Release Date:

June 2002 to September 2002

Contents:

Detailed socioeconomic and housing characteristics compiled from the Census long-form (16% sample) questionnaire. Population by age, race, and gender; ancestry; educational attainment, labor force and employment status; income and poverty status; commuting characteristics

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: Census tracts; Census block groups

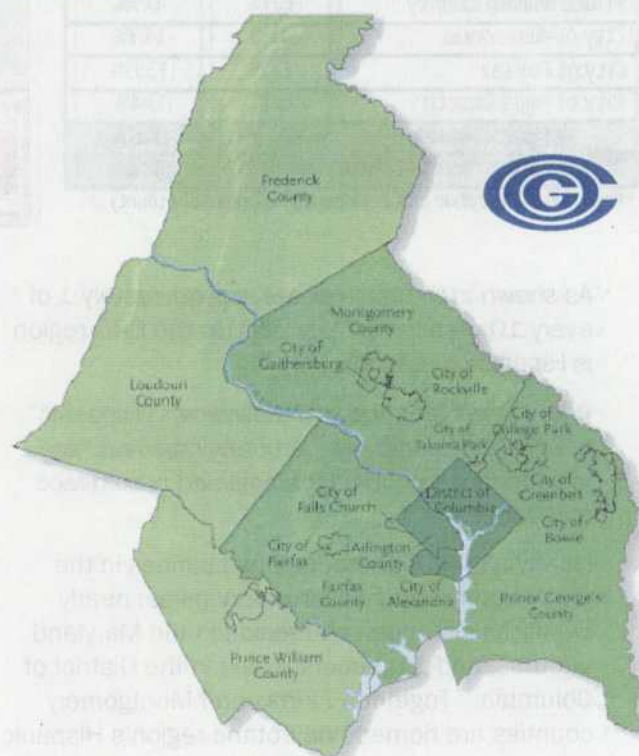
The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the regional organization of the Washington region's 17 major local governments.

COG provides a focus for action and develops sound regional responses to such issues as the environment, affordable housing, economic development, health and family concerns, human services, population growth, public safety, and transportation. In addition, COG is an official Census Bureau State Data Center Affiliate and maintains printed Census data and reports from the 1940 Census through Census 2000.

For more information on this and other COG publications, contact COG's Information Center:

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COG Region Population Between 35 and 54 Years Rises 27 Percent

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Welcome to the second in a series of COG Census 2000 reports.

The second issue of "Our Changing Region" is based on the Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics from Census 2000, which is the information compiled from the questions asked of all people and about every housing unit. The Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics population items include sex, age, race, Hispanic or Latino, household relationship, household type, group quarters population, housing occupancy, and housing tenure.

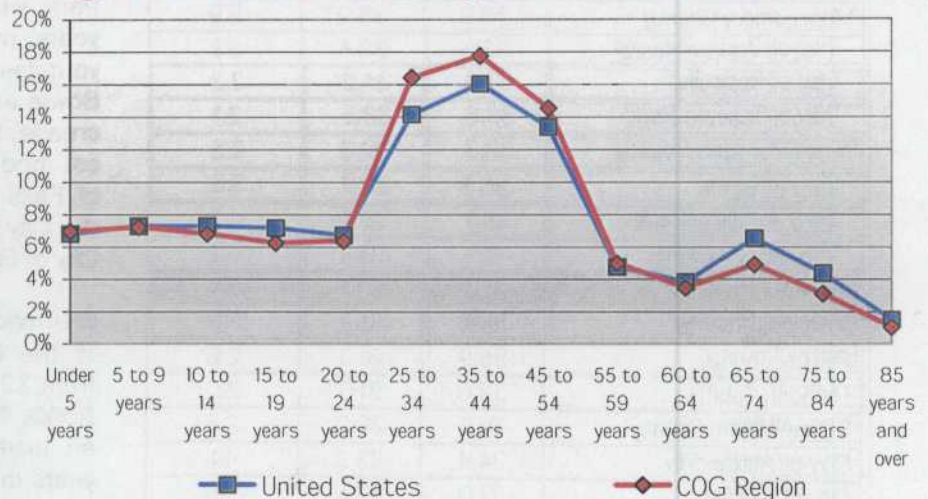
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For more Census 2000 reports and data, go to COG's website: www.mwccog.org/hspss/censusreports.html

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Age Distribution—COG Region and the United States



Age Distribution - COG Region

Age	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000
	Population	Percentage	Population	Percentage	Population
Under 5 years	293,173	7.0%	264,639	7.2%	28,534
5 to 9 years	304,774	7.2%	238,376	6.5%	66,398
10 to 14 years	287,438	6.8%	216,372	5.9%	71,066
15 to 19 years	263,816	6.3%	234,347	6.4%	29,469
20 to 24 years	269,276	6.4%	305,611	8.3%	-36,335
25 to 34 years	692,240	16.4%	751,743	20.5%	-59,503
35 to 44 years	748,337	17.8%	646,545	17.6%	101,792
45 to 54 years	613,118	14.6%	422,761	11.5%	190,357
55 to 59 years	210,599	5.0%	146,869	4.0%	63,730
60 to 64 years	147,140	3.5%	128,278	3.5%	18,862
65 to 74 years	207,224	4.9%	195,463	5.3%	11,761
75 to 84 years	131,278	3.1%	95,424	2.6%	35,854
85 years and over	43,551	1.0%	28,693	0.8%	14,858
Total Population	4,211,964	100.0%	3,675,121	100.0%	536,843

The population of the COG region increased nearly 15 percent from 1990 to 2000, totaling 4,211,964 people. There were population increases in almost every age cohort, except for people between 20 to 24 years and 25 to 34 years, which declined by more than 36,000 and 59,000 people, respectively. The greatest increases were within the age cohorts of the prime working years, 35 to 44 years and 45 to 54 years, which added more than 101,000 and 190,000 people, respectively. These two age cohorts increased by more than 27 percent between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the COG region had a greater percentage of population (nearly 54 percent) between the ages of 25 and 59, compared to the United States, which had more than 48 percent of the population within these age cohorts.

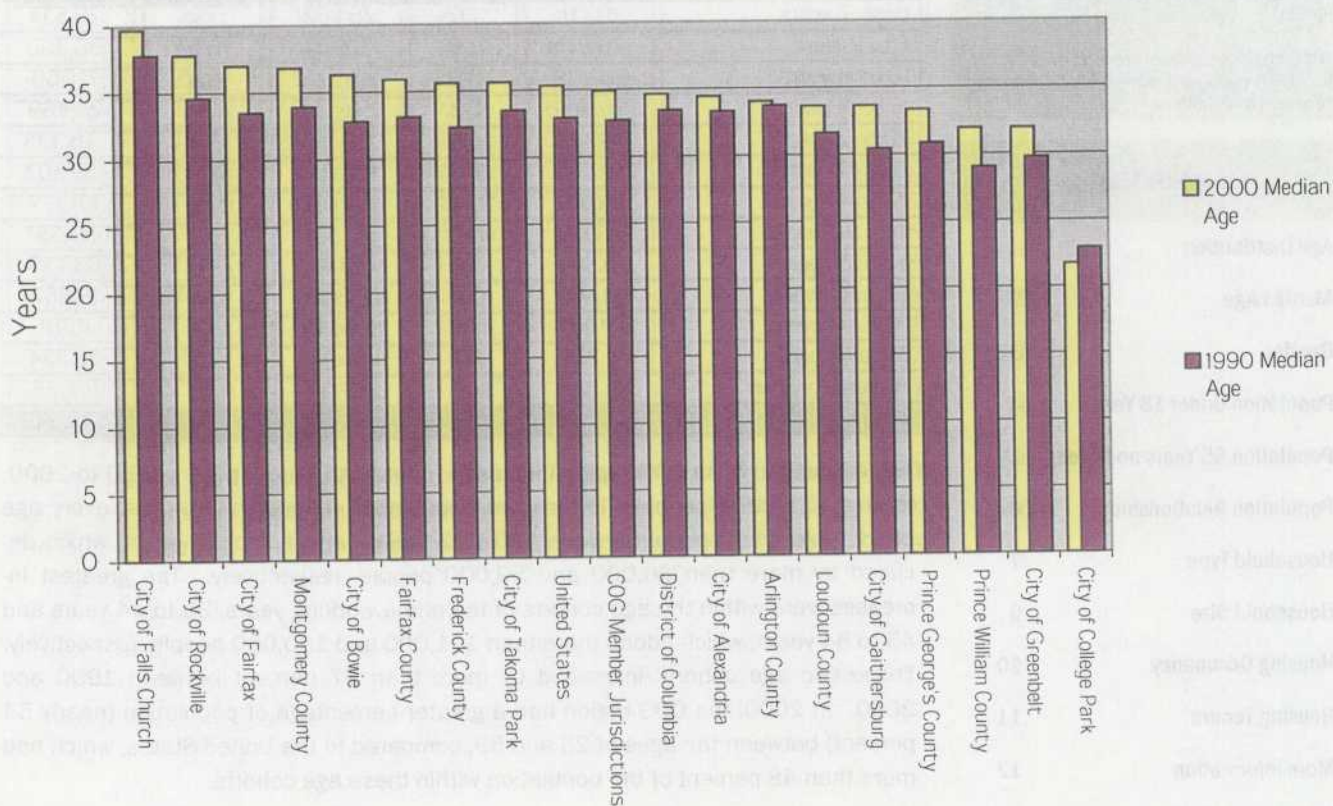
COG Region's Median Age Rises to 34.9 Years

Jurisdiction	2000 Median Age	1990 Median Age	Change 1990 to 2000
District of Columbia	34.6	33.4	1.2
Frederick County	35.6	32.3	3.3
Montgomery County	36.8	33.9	2.9
City of Gaithersburg ¹	33.6	30.4	3.2
City of Rockville ¹	37.8	34.6	3.2
City of Takoma Park ¹	35.6	33.5	2.1
Prince George's County	33.3	30.8	2.5
City of Bowie ¹	36.3	32.8	3.5
City of College Park ¹	21.7	22.9	-1.2
City of Greenbelt ¹	31.9	29.7	2.2
Maryland Suburbs	35.2	32.5	2.7
Arlington County	34.0	33.7	0.3
Fairfax County	35.9	33.1	2.8
Loudoun County	33.6	31.6	2.0
Prince William County	31.9	29.0	2.9
City of Alexandria	34.4	33.3	1.1
City of Fairfax	37.0	33.5	3.5
City of Falls Church	39.7	37.8	1.9
Northern Virginia	34.7	32.6	2.1
COG Member Jurisdictions	34.9	32.7	2.2

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The COG region's median age increased 2.2 years over the past decade, from 32.7 years in 1990 to 34.9 in 2000. Almost every jurisdiction experienced an increase, except for the City of College Park, which decreased 1.2 years to 21.7 years, making it the jurisdiction with the youngest median age. The Cities of Bowie and Fairfax both had a 3.5 year increase, the largest in the region. The oldest median age in the region is in the City of Falls Church (39.7 years), followed by the City of Rockville (37.8 years) and the City of Fairfax (37.0 years).

The median age in the Maryland suburbs of the COG region increased 2.7 years from 32.5 years in 1990 to 35.2 years in 2000. Northern Virginia also experienced an increase in median age, from 32.8 years in 1990 to 34.7 years in 2000. In comparison, the United States population increased its median age 2.4 years from 32.9 years in 1990 to 35.3 years in 2000.



Majority Female Population in COG Region

Population by Gender - COG Region

Jurisdiction	Total Population	Male	Percent Male	Percent Regional Share Male	Female	Percent Female	Percent Regional Share Female
District of Columbia	572,059	269,366	47.1%	13.2%	302,693	52.9%	14.0%
Frederick County	195,277	96,079	49.2%	4.7%	99,198	50.8%	4.6%
Montgomery County	873,341	418,622	47.9%	20.5%	454,719	52.1%	21.0%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	52,613	25,647	48.7%	1.3%	26,966	51.3%	1.2%
City of Rockville ¹	47,388	23,106	48.8%	1.1%	24,282	51.2%	1.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,299	8,149	47.1%	0.4%	9,150	52.9%	0.4%
Prince George's County	801,515	383,050	47.8%	18.7%	418,465	52.2%	19.3%
City of Bowie ¹	50,269	24,014	47.8%	1.2%	26,255	52.2%	1.2%
City of College Park ¹	24,657	12,931	52.4%	0.6%	11,726	47.6%	0.5%
City of Greenbelt ¹	21,456	10,272	47.9%	0.5%	11,184	52.1%	0.5%
Maryland Suburbs	1,870,133	897,751	48.0%	43.9%	972,382	52.0%	44.9%
Arlington County	189,453	95,443	50.4%	4.7%	94,010	49.6%	4.3%
Fairfax County	969,749	481,373	49.6%	23.5%	488,376	50.4%	22.5%
Loudoun County	169,599	83,837	49.4%	4.1%	85,762	50.6%	4.0%
Prince William County	280,813	140,067	49.9%	6.8%	140,746	50.1%	6.5%
City of Alexandria	128,283	61,974	48.3%	3.0%	66,309	51.7%	3.1%
City of Fairfax	21,498	10,484	48.8%	0.5%	11,014	51.2%	0.5%
City of Falls Church	10,377	5,049	48.7%	0.2%	5,328	51.3%	0.2%
Northern Virginia	1,769,772	878,227	49.6%	42.9%	891,545	50.4%	41.1%
COG Member Jurisdictions	4,211,964	2,045,344	48.6%	100.0%	2,166,620	51.4%	100.0%

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According to Census 2000, the COG region has a population comprised of 48.6 percent male and 51.4 percent female.

The District of Columbia and the City of Takoma Park have the highest proportions of female population: 52.9 percent.

Almost every jurisdiction in the COG Region has slightly more women than men. Two exceptions are the City of College Park and Arlington County, which have male populations that are 52.4 percent and 50.4 percent, respectively.

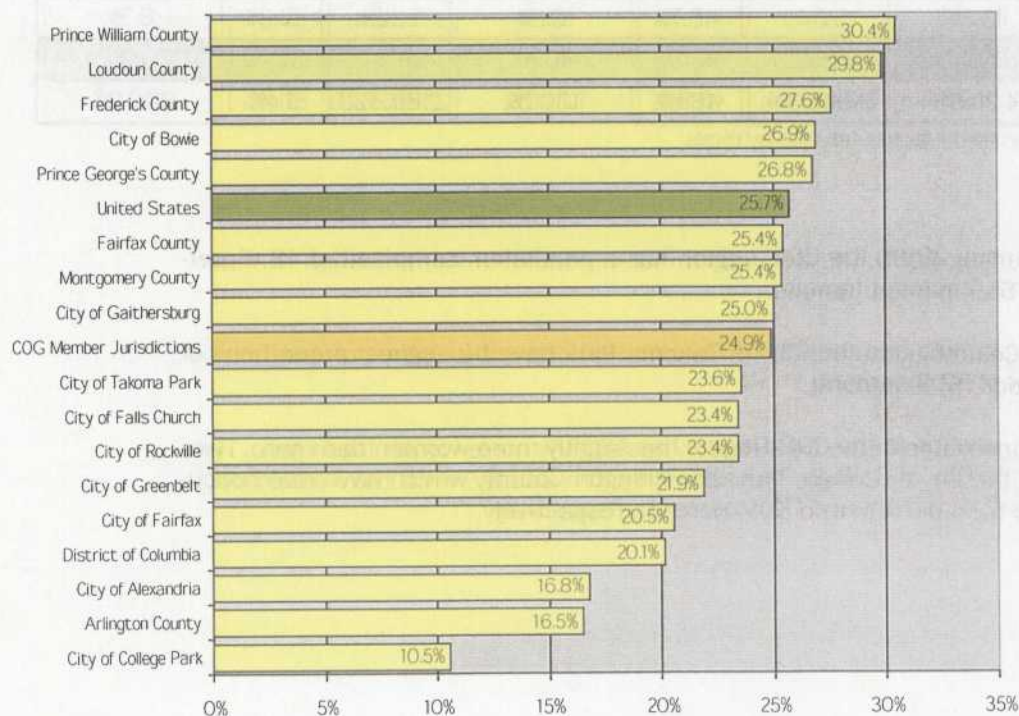
COG Region's Population Under 18 Years Increases to 24.9 Percent

Population Under 18 Years

Jurisdiction	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000		
	Under 18 Years	Percent Under 18 Years	Under 18 Years	Percent Under 18 Years	Number	Percent	Share of Regional Growth
District of Columbia	114,992	20.1%	116,873	19.3%	-1,881	-1.6%	-1.0%
Frederick County	53,887	27.6%	39,717	26.4%	14,170	35.7%	7.2%
Montgomery County	221,758	25.4%	178,244	23.5%	43,514	24.4%	22.1%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	13,164	25.0%	9,750	24.7%	3,414	35.0%	1.7%
City of Rockville ¹	11,081	23.4%	10,373	23.1%	708	6.8%	0.4%
City of Takoma Park ¹	4,075	23.6%	3,519	21.1%	556	15.8%	0.3%
Prince George's County	214,602	26.8%	177,821	24.4%	36,781	20.7%	18.7%
City of Bowie ¹	13,530	26.9%	9,115	24.2%	4,415	48.4%	2.2%
City of College Park ¹	2,601	10.5%	2,418	11.0%	183	7.6%	0.1%
City of Greenbelt ¹	4,696	21.9%	3,503	16.6%	1,193	34.1%	0.6%
Maryland Suburbs	490,247	26.2%	395,782	24.2%	94,465	23.9%	48.0%
Arlington County	31,239	16.5%	25,837	15.1%	5,402	20.9%	2.7%
Fairfax County	246,264	25.4%	199,971	24.4%	46,293	23.1%	23.5%
Loudoun County	50,555	29.8%	23,268	27.0%	27,287	117.3%	13.9%
Prince William County	85,449	30.4%	65,863	30.5%	19,586	29.7%	10.0%
City of Alexandria	21,537	16.8%	17,110	15.4%	4,427	25.9%	2.2%
City of Fairfax	4,416	20.5%	3,757	19.1%	659	17.5%	0.3%
City of Falls Church	2,430	23.4%	1,863	19.5%	567	30.4%	0.3%
Northern Virginia	441,890	25.0%	337,669	23.6%	104,221	30.9%	53.0%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,047,129	24.9%	850,324	23.1%	196,805	23.1%	100.0%

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Percent Population Under 18 Years



The share of the COG region's population under 18 years of age increased from 23.1 percent in 1990 to 24.9 percent in 2000.

Prince William County has the largest percentage of people under 18 years (30.4 percent), followed by Loudoun County (29.8 percent), and Frederick County (27.6 percent).

Loudoun County has experienced the greatest percent change over the past decade, 117.3 percent, reflecting the County's rapid population growth. The City of Bowie and Frederick County also had significant increases in their populations under 18 years of age, 48.4 percent and 35.7 percent, respectively.

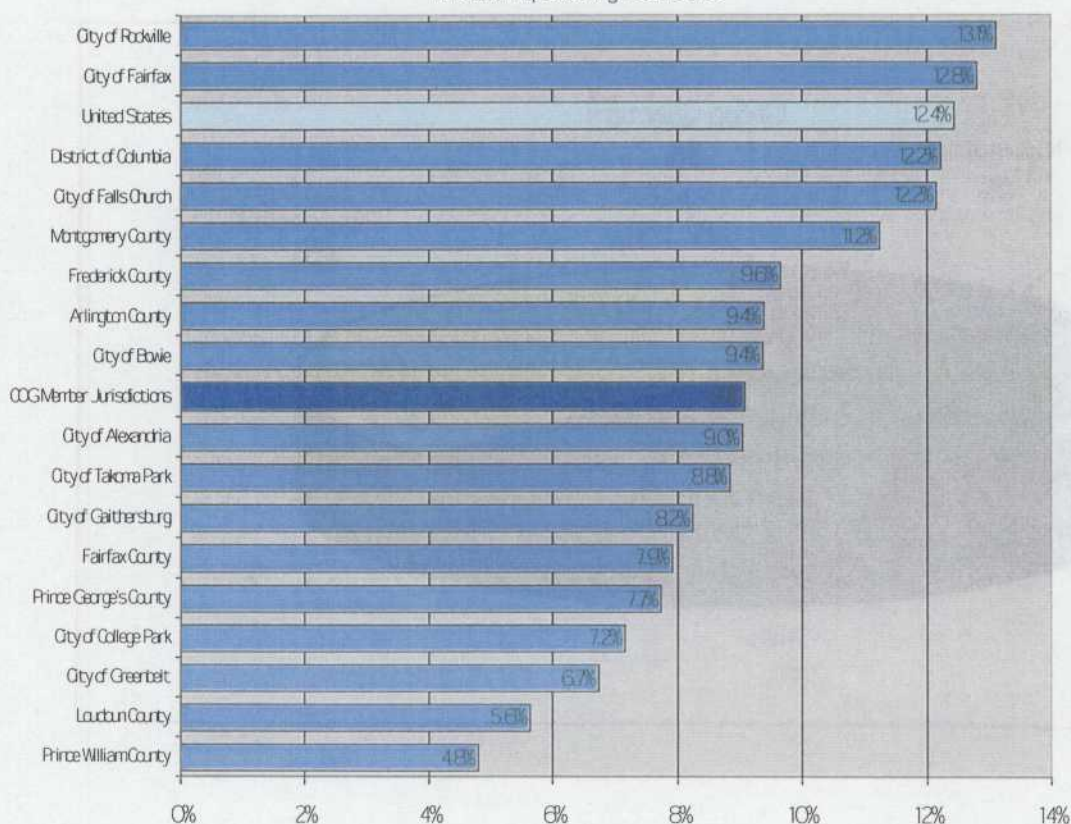
9.1 Percent of COG Region's Population 65 Years and Older

Population 65 Years and Older

Jurisdiction	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000		
	Age 65 and Older	Percent Age 65 and Older	Age 65 and Older	Percent Age 65 and Older	Number	Percent	Share of Regional Growth
District of Columbia	69,898	12.2%	77,847	12.8%	-7,949	-10%	-13%
Frederick County	18,836	9.6%	14,209	9.5%	4,627	33%	7%
Montgomery County	98,157	11.2%	77,491	10.2%	20,666	27%	33%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	4,340	8.2%	2,532	6.4%	1,808	71%	3%
City of Rockville ¹	6,215	13.1%	4,687	10.5%	1,528	33%	2%
City of Takoma Park ¹	1,529	8.8%	1,773	10.6%	-244	-14%	0%
Prince George's County	61,951	7.7%	50,343	6.9%	11,608	23%	19%
City of Bowie ¹	4,706	9.4%	2,384	6.3%	2,322	97%	4%
City of College Park ¹	1,764	7.2%	1,825	8.3%	-61	-3%	0%
City of Greenbelt ¹	1,444	6.7%	1,378	6.5%	66	5%	0%
Maryland Suburbs	178,944	9.6%	142,043	8.7%	36,901	26%	59%
Arlington County	17,762	9.4%	19,409	11.4%	-1,647	-8%	-3%
Fairfax County	76,818	7.9%	53,544	6.5%	23,274	43%	37%
Loudoun County	9,538	5.6%	5,223	6.1%	4,315	83%	7%
Prince William County	13,473	4.8%	6,534	3.0%	6,939	106%	11%
City of Alexandria	11,605	9.0%	11,406	10.3%	199	2%	0%
City of Fairfax	2,753	12.8%	2,135	10.9%	618	29%	1%
City of Falls Church	1,262	12.2%	1,439	15.0%	-177	-12%	0%
Northern Virginia	133,211	7.5%	99,690	7.0%	33,521	34%	54%
COG Member Jurisdictions	382,053	9.1%	319,580	8.7%	62,473	20%	100%

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Percent of Population Age 65 and Older



The proportion of the COG region's senior population (persons aged 65 and older) increased from 8.7 percent in 1990 to 9.1 percent in 2000. In comparison, 12.4 percent of the U.S. population is age 65 years and older.

The City of Rockville has the highest local share of senior citizens (13.1 percent), followed by the City of Fairfax (12.8 percent) and the District of Columbia (12.2 percent). Prince William and Loudoun counties have the smallest percentages of population 65 and over, 4.8 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively.

While most jurisdictions in the COG region experienced an increase in the number of people age 65 and older, several jurisdictions experienced a decrease in this age category. These include the Cities of College Park, Falls Church and Takoma Park; the District of Columbia and Arlington County.

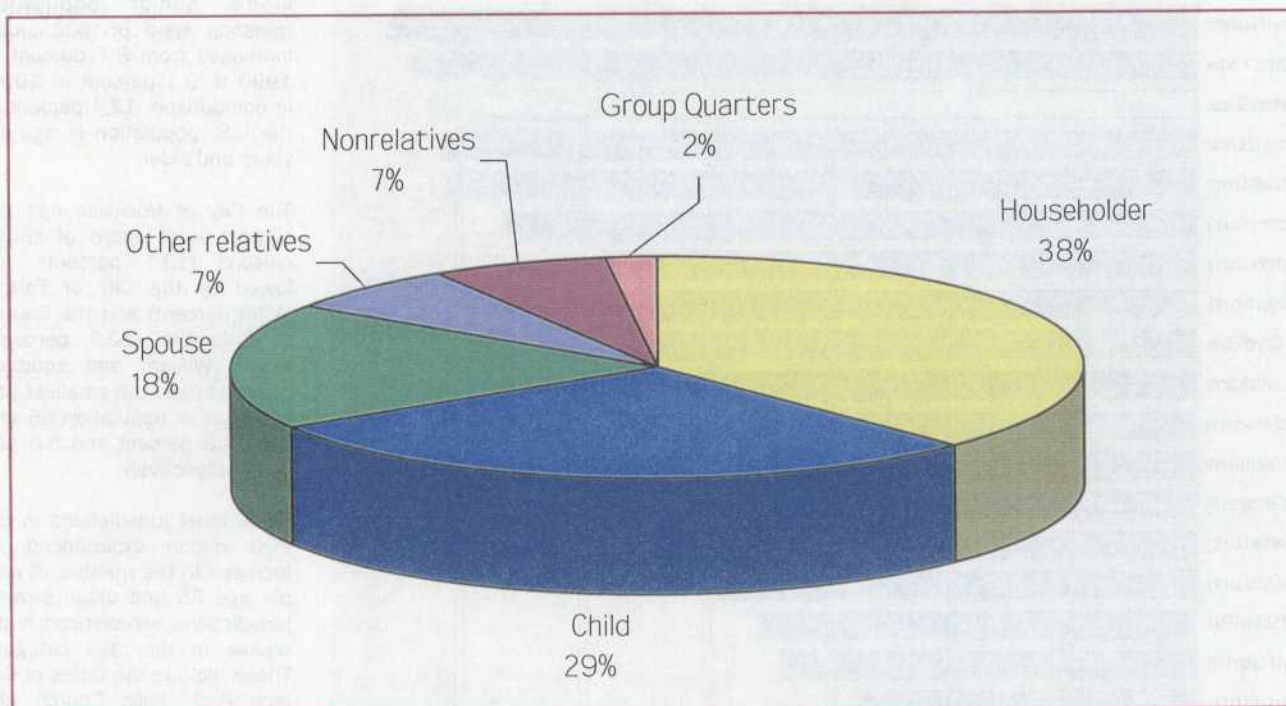
Population Relationships in the COG Region

More than 4.1 million people (97.8 percent) in the COG region are counted as being a part of a household. (A household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit.)

In the COG region, householders (typically the person, or one of the people, in whose name the home is owned or rented) account for 37 percent of the population. Children living in a household, regardless of age, comprise 29 percent of the population. Spouses in households account for 18 percent of the population. Other population relationships in households include other relatives and nonrelatives, which each contribute 7 percent of the population.

Those not living in households are otherwise part of the group quarters population. There are two general categories of people in group quarters: 1) the institutionalized population (such as correctional institutions, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions) and 2) the noninstitutionalized population (such as college dormitories, military quarters, and group homes). In the COG region, 87,200 people or 2.1 percent of the population are included in group quarters.

	Number	Percent
In Households	4,124,764	97.9%
Householder	1,595,504	37.9%
Spouse	766,417	18.2%
Child	1,206,350	28.6%
Own Child under 18 years	934,177	22.2%
Other Relatives	277,565	6.6%
Under 18 years	91,352	2.2%
Nonrelatives	278,928	6.6%
Unmarried partner	78,767	1.9%
In group quarters	87,200	2.1%
Institutionalized population	31,356	0.7%
Noninstitutionalized population	55,844	1.3%
Total Population	4,211,964	100.0%



Households in COG Region Totals 1,595,504

Family households comprise 64.7 percent of all households in the COG region. Prince William County (76.9 percent), Loudoun County (75.2 percent) and the City of Bowie (74.6 percent) have the highest proportions of family households in the region.

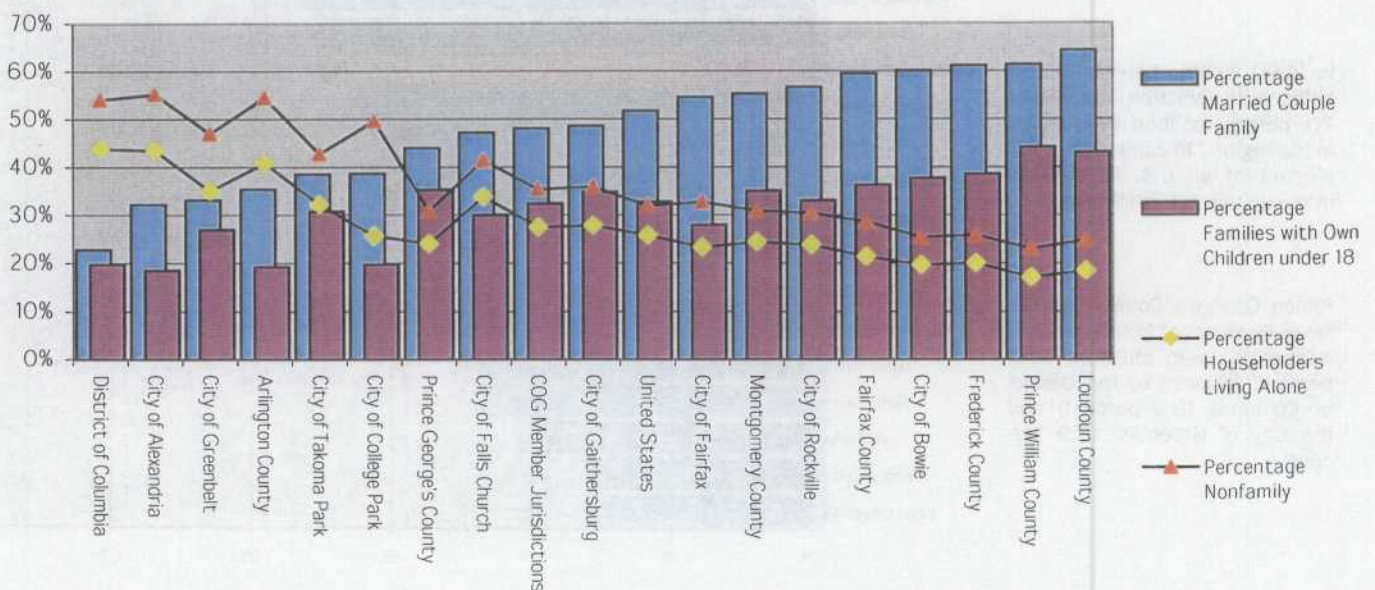
Families living with their own children under age 18 account for 32.4 percent of households in the COG region. Married couple families account for 48.0 percent of households. Prince William, Loudoun and Frederick counties have the highest proportions of these two household types in the region.

Nonfamily households compose 35.3 percent of total households in the region. A majority of this household type are householders who live alone. In the COG region that amounts to 27.5 percent of all households. The City of Alexandria (55.2 percent), Arlington County (54.5 percent) and the District of Columbia (54.0 percent) have the highest proportions of nonfamily households in the region.

Household by Type

Jurisdiction	Total Households	Family Households	Families with own children under 18	Married-couple Family	Female Householder with own children under 18	Nonfamily Households	Householder Living Alone
District of Columbia	248,338	46.0%	19.8%	22.8%	9.9%	54.0%	43.8%
Frederick County	70,060	74.1%	38.6%	61.1%	5.7%	25.9%	20.1%
Montgomery County	324,565	69.1%	35.0%	55.2%	5.9%	30.9%	24.4%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	19,621	64.1%	34.8%	48.6%	6.6%	35.9%	27.8%
City of Rockville ¹	17,247	69.6%	33.0%	56.6%	5.0%	30.4%	23.8%
City of Takoma Park ¹	6,893	57.3%	30.8%	38.5%	8.2%	42.7%	32.2%
Prince George's County	286,610	69.1%	35.3%	44.0%	11.3%	30.9%	24.1%
City of Bowie ¹	18,188	74.6%	37.7%	60.0%	6.0%	25.4%	19.7%
City of College Park ¹	6,030	50.4%	19.8%	38.6%	3.2%	49.6%	25.7%
City of Greenbelt ¹	9,368	53.0%	26.9%	33.1%	8.9%	47.0%	35.0%
Maryland Suburbs	681,235	69.6%	35.5%	51.1%	8.1%	30.4%	23.8%
Arlington County	86,352	45.5%	19.3%	35.3%	3.4%	54.5%	40.8%
Fairfax County	350,714	71.4%	36.3%	59.4%	4.8%	28.6%	21.4%
Loudoun County	59,900	75.2%	43.1%	64.3%	4.9%	24.8%	18.4%
Prince William County	94,570	76.9%	44.2%	61.3%	7.5%	23.1%	17.1%
City of Alexandria	61,889	44.8%	18.6%	32.2%	5.0%	55.2%	43.4%
City of Fairfax	8,035	67.3%	28.0%	54.5%	4.1%	32.7%	23.4%
City of Falls Church	4,471	58.6%	30.1%	47.1%	5.0%	41.4%	33.8%
Northern Virginia	665,931	66.5%	34.0%	54.3%	5.0%	33.5%	25.2%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,595,504	64.7%	32.4%	48.0%	7.1%	35.3%	27.5%

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Households in Region Increase Nearly 16 Percent in Last Decade

The number of households in the region increased by 217,160 households (15.8 percent) to total 1,595,504 households.

During the 1990s the region saw a 23 percent increase in the number of householders living alone. In 2000, the number of householders living alone totaled 439,036, comprising 27.5 percent of all households. The number of "seniors" living alone increased by 18.3 percent in the last decade to nearly 102,000 households.

Married couples with children under 18 accounted for more than 377,000 households or 23.6 percent of total households. This household type grew by 9.4 percent during the last decade.

Household by Type - COG Region

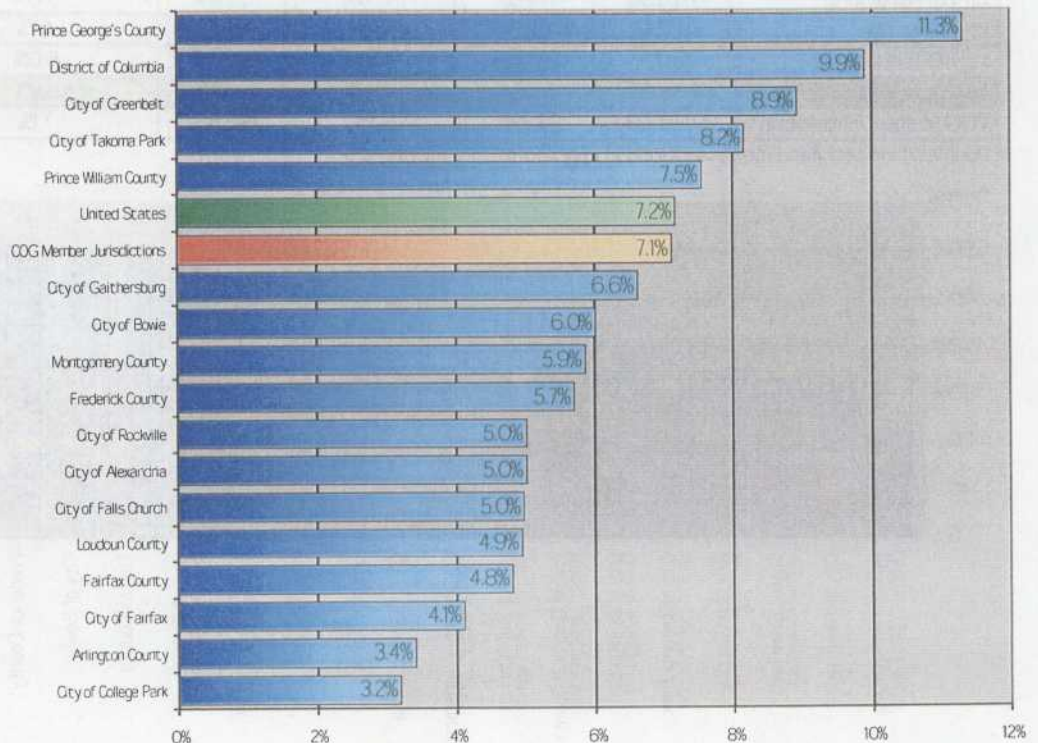
	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000	
	Households	Percent of Households	Households	Percent of Households	Households	Percent of Households
Family Households	1,031,544	64.7%	905,055	65.7%	126,489	14.0%
Married Couple Family with own children under 18 yrs	377,001	23.6%	344,500	25.0%	32,501	9.4%
Female Householder with own children under 18 yrs	113,565	7.1%	103,721	7.5%	9,844	9.5%
Nonfamily Households	563,960	35.3%	473,289	34.3%	90,671	19.2%
Householder living alone	439,036	27.5%	357,049	25.9%	81,987	23.0%
Householder 65 years and over living alone	101,980	6.4%	86,182	6.3%	15,798	18.3%
Total Households	1,595,504	100.0%	1,378,344	100.0%	217,160	15.8%

Single Mothers
(Percent of Total Households)

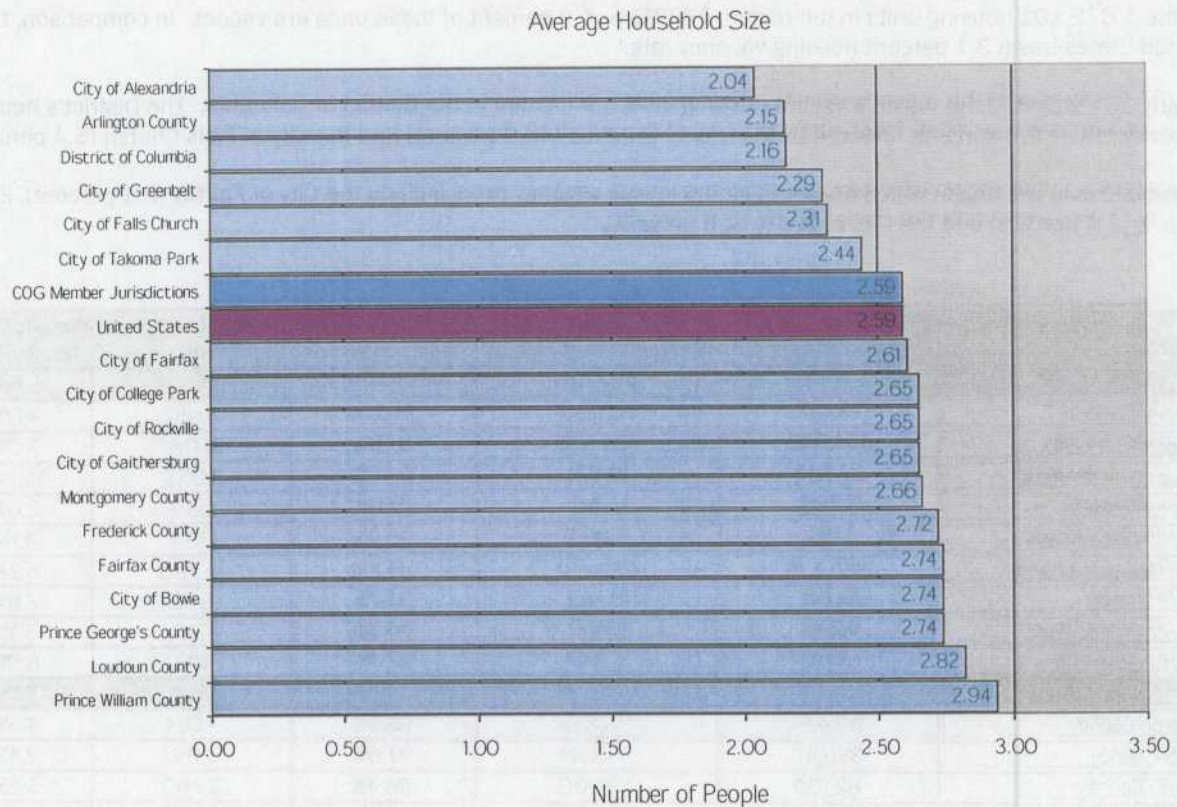
During the 1990s, female householders living with their own children (under 18 years) grew by 9.5 percent, totaling 113,565 households in the region in 2000.

In 2000, female headed households with children comprised 7.1 percent of total households in the region. In comparison, 7.2 percent of all U.S. households make up this household type.

Prince George's County has the largest percent of female-headed households with children, 11.3 percent, followed by the District of Columbia (9.9 percent) and the City of Greenbelt (8.9 percent).



Average Household Size in Region: 2.59 Persons



Household Size

Jurisdiction	Average Household Size
District of Columbia	2.16
Frederick County	2.72
Montgomery County	2.66
City of Gaithersburg ¹	2.65
City of Rockville ¹	2.65
City of Takoma Park ¹	2.44
Prince George's County	2.74
City of Bowie ¹	2.74
City of College Park ¹	2.65
City of Greenbelt ¹	2.29
Maryland Suburbs	2.70
Arlington County	2.15
Fairfax County	2.74
Loudoun County	2.82
Prince William County	2.94
City of Alexandria	2.04
City of Fairfax	2.61
City of Falls Church	2.31
Northern Virginia	2.63
COG Member Jurisdictions	2.59

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- Census 2000 reveals that the average household size in the COG region is 2.59 persons (which is also the same figure for the U.S. average household size).
- The outer jurisdictions of Prince William and Loudoun counties have the highest average household size in the region, respectively, 2.94 persons and 2.82 persons.
- In comparison, the central jurisdictions have a low average household size, 2.04 persons in the City of Alexandria and 2.15 persons in Arlington County.
- The Maryland suburbs have an average household size of 2.70 persons, followed by Northern Virginia with 2.63 persons. The District of Columbia is significantly lower with an average of 2.16 persons per household.

COG Region Housing Units Total 1,672,101

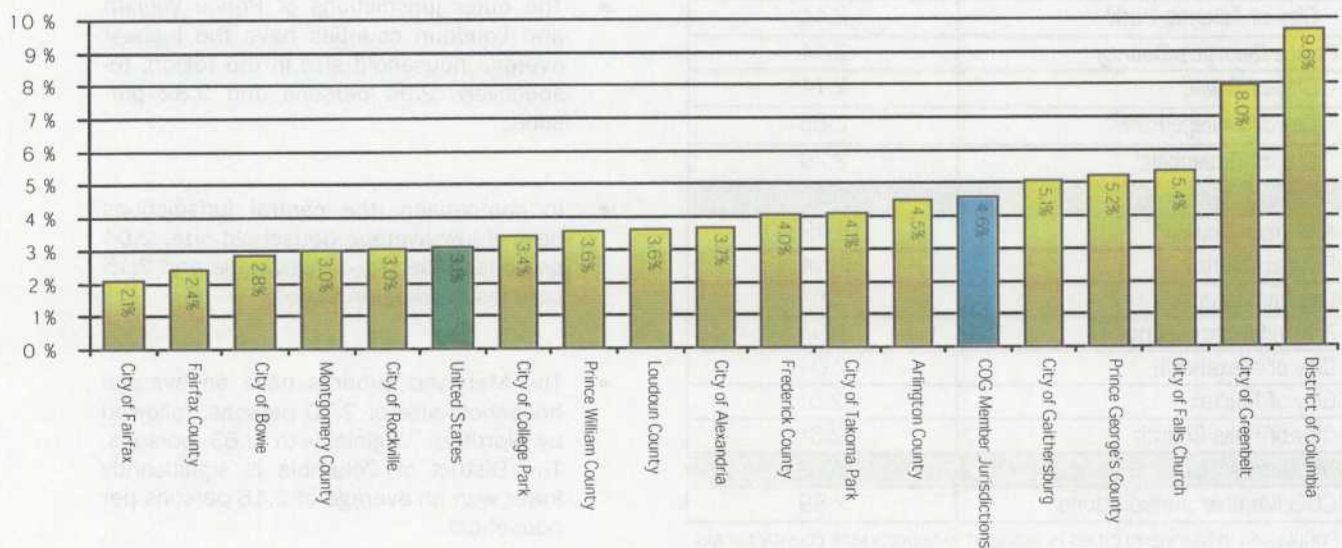
- Of the 1,672,101 housing units in the region, 76,597 or 4.6 percent of these units are vacant. In comparison, the United States has a 3.1 percent housing vacancy rate.
- Nearly 35 percent of the region's vacant housing units are located in the District of Columbia. The District's housing vacancy rate is 9.6 percent, followed by the City of Greenbelt (8.0 percent) and the City of Falls Church (5.4 percent).
- Jurisdictions in the region which experienced the lowest vacancy rates include the City of Fairfax (2.1 percent), Fairfax County (2.4 percent) and the City of Bowie (2.8 percent).

Housing Occupancy

Jurisdiction	Total housing units	Occupied housing units	Percent Occupied housing units	Vacant housing units	Percent Vacant housing units
District of Columbia	274,845	248,338	90.4%	26,507	9.6%
Frederick County	73,017	70,060	96.0%	2,957	4.0%
Montgomery County	334,632	324,565	97.0%	10,067	3.0%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	20,674	19,621	94.9%	1,053	5.1%
City of Rockville ¹	17,786	17,247	97.0%	539	3.0%
City of Takoma Park ¹	7,187	6,893	95.9%	294	4.1%
Prince George's County	302,378	286,610	94.8%	15,768	5.2%
City of Bowie ¹	18,718	18,188	97.2%	530	2.8%
City of College Park ¹	6,245	6,030	96.6%	215	3.4%
City of Greenbelt ¹	10,180	9,368	92.0%	812	8.0%
Maryland Suburbs	710,027	681,235	95.9%	28,792	4.1%
Arlington County	90,426	86,352	95.5%	4,074	4.5%
Fairfax County	359,411	350,714	97.6%	8,697	2.4%
Loudoun County	62,160	59,900	96.4%	2,260	3.6%
Prince William County	98,052	94,570	96.4%	3,482	3.6%
City of Alexandria	64,251	61,889	96.3%	2,362	3.7%
City of Fairfax	8,204	8,035	97.9%	169	2.1%
City of Falls Church	4,725	4,471	94.6%	254	5.4%
Northern Virginia	687,229	665,931	96.9%	21,298	3.1%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,672,101	1,595,504	95.4%	76,597	4.6%

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Percent Vacant Housing Units



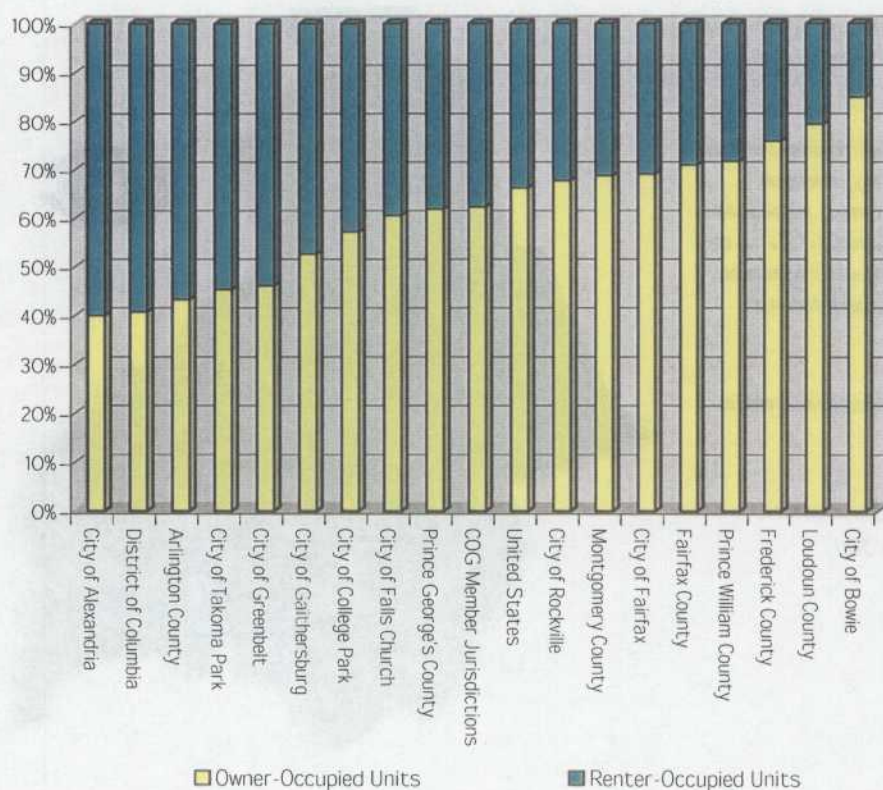
Owner-Occupied Housing Totals 989,085 Units in Region

Housing Tenure

Jurisdiction	Owner-occupied housing units	Renter-occupied housing units	Total Occupied Housing Units	Percentage Owner Occupied	Percentage Renter Occupied
District of Columbia	101,214	147,124	248,338	41%	59%
Frederick County	53,158	16,902	70,060	76%	24%
Montgomery County	223,017	101,548	324,565	69%	31%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	10,326	9,295	19,621	53%	47%
City of Rockville ¹	11,669	5,578	17,247	68%	32%
City of Takoma Park ¹	3,128	3,765	6,893	45%	55%
Prince George's County	177,177	109,433	286,610	62%	38%
City of Bowie ¹	15,455	2,733	18,188	85%	15%
City of College Park ¹	3,448	2,582	6,030	57%	43%
City of Greenbelt ¹	4,324	5,044	9,368	46%	54%
Maryland Suburbs	453,352	227,883	681,235	67%	33%
Arlington County	37,370	48,982	86,352	43%	57%
Fairfax County	248,820	101,894	350,714	71%	29%
Loudoun County	47,539	12,361	59,900	79%	21%
Prince William County	67,787	26,783	94,570	72%	28%
City of Alexandria	24,745	37,144	61,889	40%	60%
City of Fairfax	5,550	2,485	8,035	69%	31%
City of Falls Church	2,708	1,763	4,471	61%	39%
Northern Virginia	434,519	231,412	665,931	65%	35%
COG Member Jurisdictions	989,085	606,419	1,595,504	62%	38%

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Owner-Occupied and Renter-Occupied Housing Units



According to Census 2000, 62 percent of housing units are owner occupied in the region. Conversely, 38 percent of the region's dwellings are occupied by renters. The figures for the U.S. reflect a higher ownership rate: 66 percent are owner occupied versus 34 percent renter occupied.

Jurisdictions with the highest household ownership rates in the region are the City of Bowie (85 percent), Loudoun County (79 percent) and Frederick County (76 percent).

Jurisdictions with the highest renter-occupied rates include the City of Alexandria (60 percent), the District of Columbia (59 percent) and Arlington County (57 percent).

In absolute terms, Fairfax County has the greatest number of owner occupied households: 248,820 units. The District of Columbia has the greatest amount of renter occupied households: 147,124 units.



Upcoming Census 2000 Data and Products

During the next few years, the Census Bureau will release several Census 2000 data products. The content and geographic detail of each Census data file varies depending upon whether or not the information was collected from the Census "short form" (questions that were asked of ALL households) or "long form" (more-detailed questions asked of one of every six households) questionnaire. COG will prepare both summary newsletters and in-depth reports from each Census 2000 data file.

Summary File 1 (SF1)

Release Date:

June 2001 to September 2001

Contents:

Population and housing unit characteristics from questions asked of ALL households (100 % count). Population by age, race, gender, and Hispanic or Latino origin; household type and size; tenure (owned or rented unit); age and race of householder; value of unit; and amount of rent paid.

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: Census tracts; Census blocks

Summary File 2 (SF2)

Release Date:

September 2001 to December 2001

Contents:

Population and housing unit characteristics iterated for many detailed race and Hispanic or Latino categories.

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: *Census tracts*

Summary File 3 (SF3)

Release Date:

June 2002 to September 2002

Contents:

Detailed socioeconomic and housing characteristics compiled from the Census long-form (16% sample) questionnaire. Population by age, race and gender; ancestry; educational attainment, labor force and employment status; income and poverty status; commuting characteristics

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: *Census tracts*; *Census block groups*

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Welcome to the third in a series of COG Census 2000 reports.

The third issue of "Our Changing Region" is based on the Profile of Selected Social Characteristics from Census 2000, which is the information compiled from the questions asked of a sample of housing units and people in group quarters (e.g. college dormitories). The Profile of Selected Social Characteristics sample population items include school enrollment, educational attainment, marital status, grandparents as caregivers, veteran status, disability status, residence, nativity and place of birth, region of birth of foreign born, language spoken at home and ancestry.

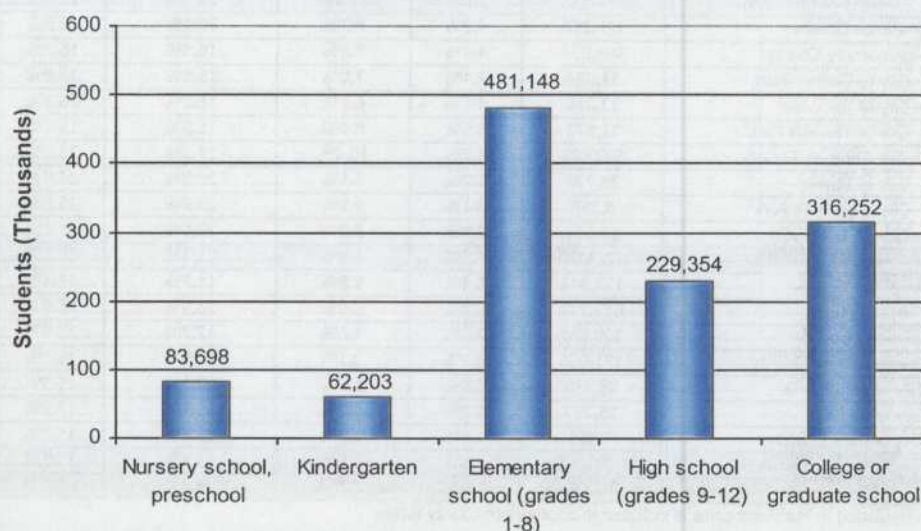
The "Our Changing Region" series is limited in geography to COG member jurisdictions, and thus will focus its analysis on what Census 2000 reveals about the COG region. Upcoming COG publications on Census 2000 will include all jurisdictions contained within the federally defined Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA).

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School Enrollment in the COG Region



Jurisdiction	Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	Nursery School, Preschool	Kindergarten	Elementary School (Grades 1-8)	High School (Grades 9-12)	College or Graduate School
District of Columbia	157,475	6.0%	4.7%	34.6%	17.0%	37.8%
Frederick County	54,005	6.8%	5.6%	46.3%	21.7%	19.6%
Montgomery County	240,098	7.6%	5.4%	42.9%	20.2%	23.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	13,391	8.6%	6.2%	41.9%	17.9%	25.4%
City of Rockville ¹	12,109	7.6%	5.7%	41.0%	21.8%	23.9%
City of Takoma Park ¹	4,764	6.6%	4.3%	38.6%	16.6%	34.0%
Prince George's County	249,844	5.7%	4.8%	40.8%	19.5%	29.1%
City of Bowie ¹	14,479	8.3%	5.7%	42.0%	18.5%	25.5%
City of College Park ¹	15,306	1.0%	0.8%	8.6%	3.6%	86.0%
City of Greenbelt ¹	7,281	4.7%	2.9%	30.1%	13.7%	48.6%
Maryland Suburbs	543,947	6.7%	5.1%	42.3%	20.1%	25.8%
Arlington County	40,996	7.5%	4.9%	31.8%	15.9%	39.9%
Fairfax County	265,920	8.0%	5.6%	41.9%	20.9%	23.7%
Loudoun County	46,444	11.0%	6.8%	47.2%	17.7%	17.3%
Prince William County	83,548	7.1%	6.2%	46.2%	21.0%	19.5%
City of Alexandria	26,509	7.8%	4.9%	32.4%	16.0%	38.8%
City of Fairfax	5,133	5.5%	4.6%	37.6%	19.3%	33.0%
City of Falls Church	2,683	8.2%	5.5%	41.4%	21.2%	23.7%
Northern Virginia	471,233	8.1%	5.7%	41.7%	19.9%	24.7%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,172,655	7.1%	5.3%	41.0%	19.6%	27.0%

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In the COG region, the population who are three years and over and enrolled in school totals 1,172,655 people. Elementary school students, the largest group, make up 41 percent of this population. Loudoun County, and the cities of Gaithersburg and Bowie have the highest percentage of nursery school and preschool students among the jurisdictions, 11 percent, 8.6 percent, and 8.3 percent, respectively. Loudoun, Frederick and Prince William counties have the highest percentage of elementary school students among the jurisdictions, 47.2 percent, 46.3 percent, and 46.2 percent, respectively. The City of College Park, with its large concentration of college students, has 86 percent of its school population enrolled in college or graduate school.

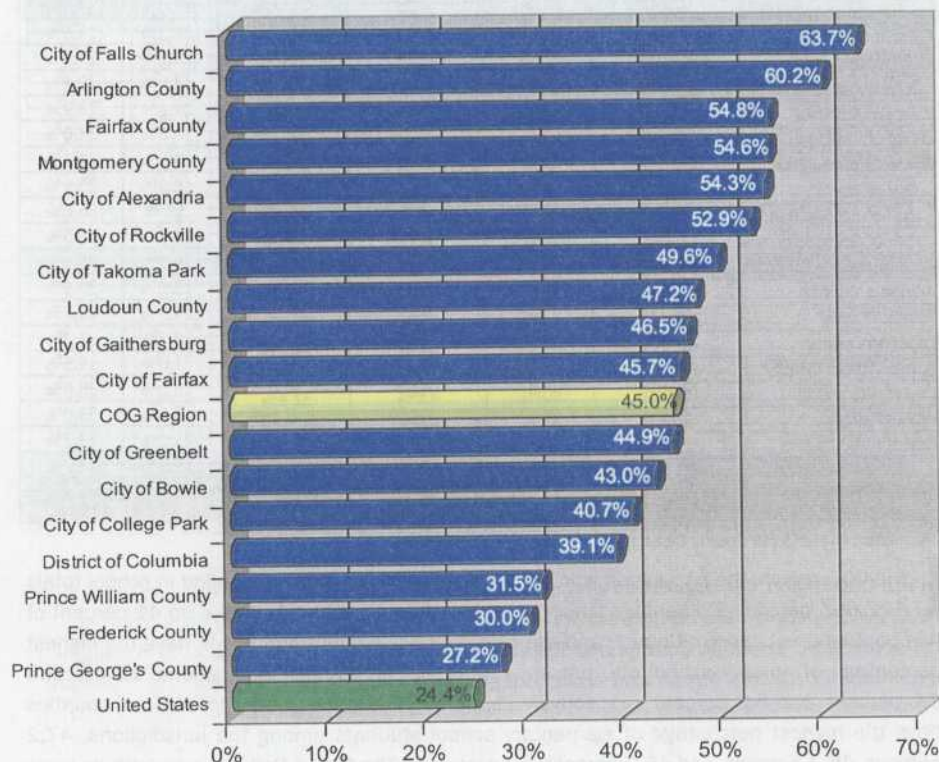
1.3 Million People in the COG Region have a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Educational Attainment in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Population 25 years and over	Less than 9th grade	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	Some college, no degree	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree
District of Columbia	384,535	7.8%	14.4%	20.6%	15.4%	2.8%	18.1%	21.0%
Frederick County	127,256	4.2%	8.7%	30.1%	20.5%	6.5%	18.9%	11.1%
Montgomery County	594,034	4.4%	5.3%	14.5%	16.7%	4.6%	27.1%	27.5%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	34,989	7.4%	7.0%	15.1%	18.8%	5.2%	26.6%	19.8%
City of Rockville ¹	33,216	4.6%	6.2%	16.2%	16.1%	3.9%	24.3%	28.6%
City of Takoma Park ¹	11,673	6.5%	8.4%	15.5%	16.1%	3.9%	22.4%	27.2%
Prince George's County	503,698	4.7%	10.4%	27.3%	25.0%	5.5%	16.9%	10.2%
City of Bowie ¹	33,738	1.2%	4.1%	20.3%	24.8%	6.6%	27.5%	15.4%
City of College Park ¹	9,396	3.1%	9.2%	23.9%	19.6%	3.4%	21.7%	19.0%
City of Greenbelt ¹	13,924	3.2%	5.2%	20.6%	21.1%	4.9%	24.3%	20.6%
Maryland Suburbs	1,224,988	4.5%	7.8%	21.4%	20.5%	5.1%	22.0%	18.7%
Arlington County	138,844	6.4%	5.8%	11.7%	12.3%	3.6%	29.7%	30.6%
Fairfax County	653,237	4.3%	5.0%	13.9%	16.9%	5.2%	30.4%	24.4%
Loudoun County	109,567	2.8%	4.6%	17.7%	20.9%	6.8%	32.0%	15.2%
Prince William County	171,058	4.1%	7.1%	24.9%	25.1%	7.3%	20.3%	11.2%
City of Alexandria	95,730	6.6%	6.6%	12.7%	15.5%	4.4%	29.5%	24.8%
City of Fairfax	15,222	5.2%	6.2%	19.5%	17.2%	6.2%	24.8%	20.8%
City of Falls Church	7,464	1.8%	2.3%	12.6%	15.7%	3.9%	30.0%	33.8%
Northern Virginia	1,191,122	4.5%	5.5%	15.5%	17.8%	5.4%	28.9%	22.4%
COG Member Jurisdictions	2,800,645	5.0%	7.7%	18.8%	18.7%	4.9%	24.4%	20.6%

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Percent of Population 25 years and over with Bachelor's Degree or Higher

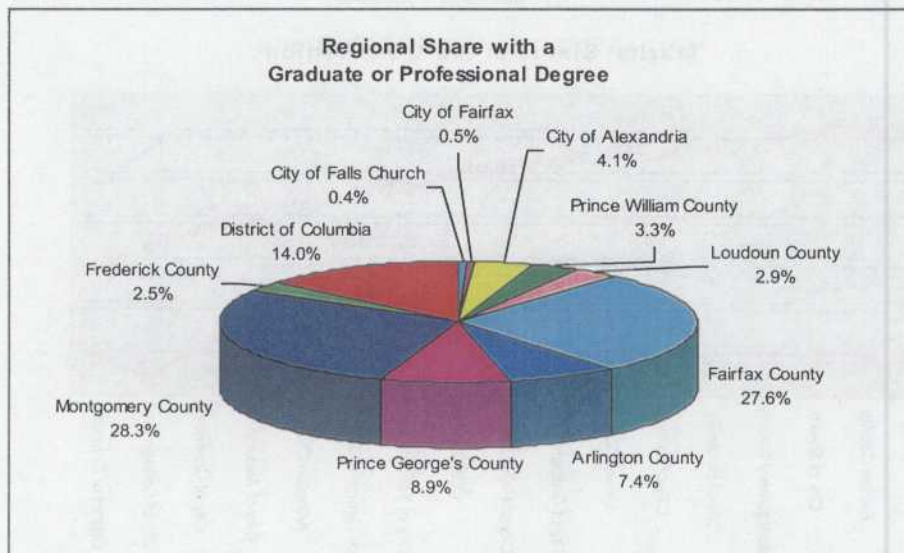
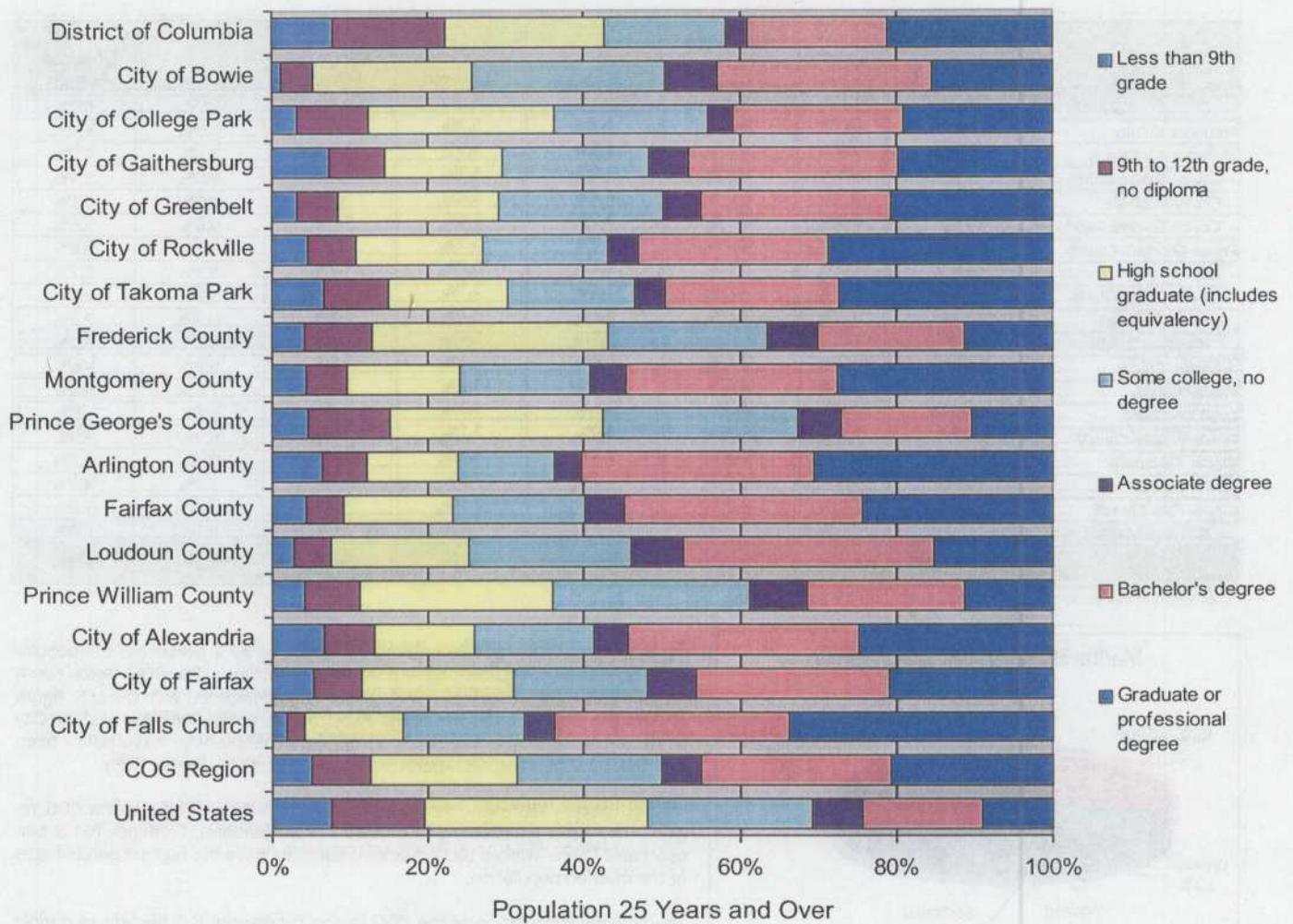


There are nearly 1.3 million people in the COG region who have earned a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree. In the COG region, this represents 45 percent of the population 25 years and over, compared with the United States figure of 24 percent.

While the City of Falls Church, Arlington and Fairfax counties lead with the highest percentages with bachelor's degrees or higher, 63.7 percent, 60.2 percent and 54.8 percent, it is interesting to note that all COG jurisdictions fall above national percentage.

There are nearly 577,000 people with graduate or professional degrees in the COG region. Of this number, the greatest share resides in Montgomery County (28.3 percent), Fairfax County (27.6 percent), and the District of Columbia (14 percent).

Educational Attainment in the COG Region

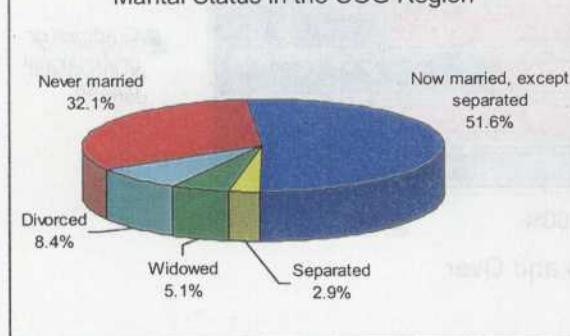


Marital Status in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Population 15 years and over	Never married	Now married, except separated	Separated	Widowed	Widowed Female	Divorced	Divorced Female
District of Columbia	474,417	48.4%	29.9%	4.2%	7.8%	6.2%	9.7%	5.7%
Frederick County	150,046	23.1%	61.3%	2.3%	5.3%	4.3%	8.0%	4.4%
Montgomery County	686,877	27.0%	57.7%	2.2%	5.6%	4.6%	7.5%	4.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	41,327	30.6%	53.6%	2.9%	4.9%	4.2%	8.0%	5.4%
City of Rockville ¹	38,044	26.9%	57.2%	2.2%	5.8%	5.0%	8.0%	5.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	13,666	35.0%	47.1%	3.5%	5.4%	4.1%	9.0%	5.6%
Prince George's County	619,339	35.1%	46.3%	4.0%	5.3%	4.4%	9.3%	5.8%
City of Bowie ¹	38,626	24.3%	59.9%	2.3%	5.2%	4.5%	8.3%	5.1%
City of College Park ¹	22,336	57.2%	34.0%	1.1%	3.7%	2.7%	3.9%	2.2%
City of Greenbelt ¹	17,469	42.1%	38.6%	3.7%	4.2%	3.5%	11.4%	7.3%
Maryland Suburbs	1,456,262	30.1%	53.2%	3.0%	5.4%	4.5%	8.3%	5.2%
Arlington County	162,652	41.7%	43.6%	2.3%	4.4%	3.6%	8.0%	4.6%
Fairfax County	763,300	26.4%	60.1%	2.0%	3.9%	3.2%	7.6%	4.8%
Loudoun County	125,334	21.2%	65.3%	2.1%	3.3%	2.7%	8.1%	4.8%
Prince William County	208,496	25.1%	60.4%	3.0%	3.1%	2.4%	8.4%	4.9%
City of Alexandria	109,660	39.0%	43.1%	2.8%	4.6%	3.8%	10.5%	6.3%
City of Fairfax	17,868	28.6%	54.8%	2.1%	7.0%	5.9%	7.4%	4.8%
City of Falls Church	8,394	27.3%	52.5%	2.6%	7.1%	5.7%	10.5%	7.0%
Northern Virginia	1,395,704	28.6%	57.2%	2.3%	3.9%	3.2%	8.1%	4.9%
COG Member Jurisdictions	3,326,383	32.1%	51.6%	2.9%	5.1%	4.2%	8.4%	5.2%

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Marital Status in the COG Region

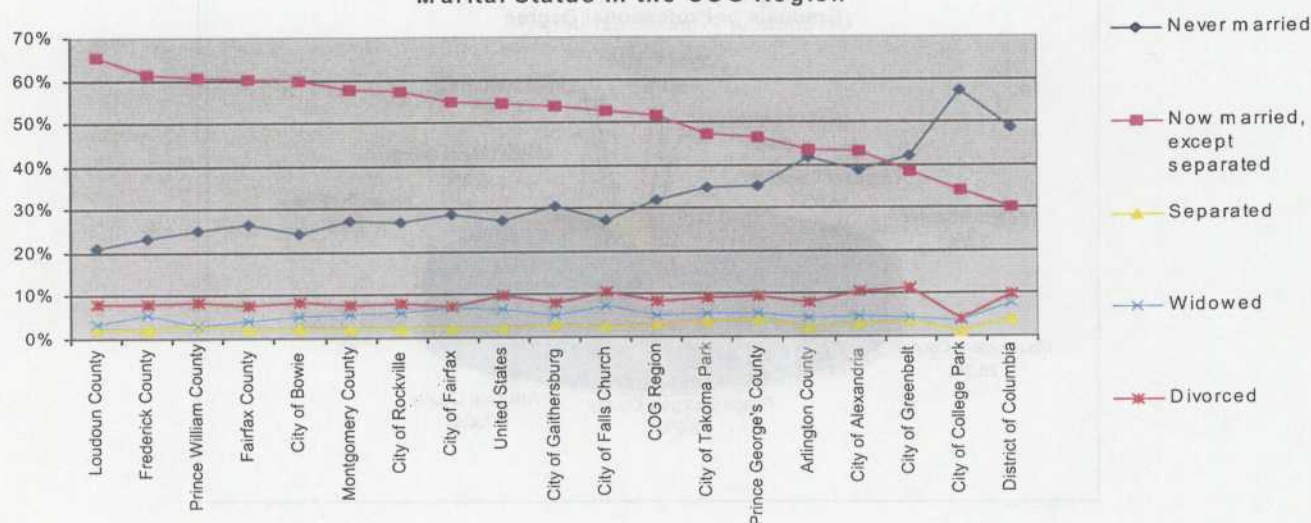


Nearly 1.1 million people in the COG region, or 32.1 percent of the population 15 years and over have never been married. The COG region has a greater percentage of people never married as compared with the U.S. figure of 27.1 percent. The City of College Park, the District of Columbia and the City of Greenbelt have the largest percentages of people who have never been married, 57.2 percent, 48.4 percent, and 42.1 percent, respectively.

Married people represent 51.6 percent or 1.7 million people in the COG region. The outer jurisdictions of Loudoun (65.3 percent), Frederick (61.3 percent) and Prince William (60.4 percent) counties have the highest percentages of the married population.

The divorced population of the COG region represents 8.4 percent of people 15 years and over. This figure falls below the national percentage of divorced people, 9.7 percent.

Marital Status in the COG Region



Thirty-six Percent of Grandparents Living with Grandchildren are Responsible for Their Care

Grandparents as Caregivers

Jurisdiction	Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years	Grandparent responsible for grandchildren	Percent of grandparents who are responsible for grandchildren
District of Columbia	16,842	8,183	48.6%
Frederick County	2,727	912	33.4%
Montgomery County	15,301	4,100	26.8%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	1,014	271	26.7%
City of Rockville ¹	893	197	22.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	340	110	32.4%
Prince George's County	26,678	10,508	39.4%
City of Bowie ¹	996	301	30.2%
City of College Park ¹	380	136	35.8%
City of Greenbelt ¹	240	46	19.2%
Maryland Suburbs	44,706	15,520	34.7%
Arlington County	2,095	629	30.0%
Fairfax County	16,266	4,572	28.1%
Loudoun County	2,920	891	30.5%
Prince William County	6,239	2,440	39.1%
City of Alexandria	1,573	622	39.5%
City of Fairfax	487	172	35.3%
City of Falls Church	76	5	6.6%
Northern Virginia	29,656	9,331	31.5%
COG Member Jurisdictions	91,204	33,034	36.2%

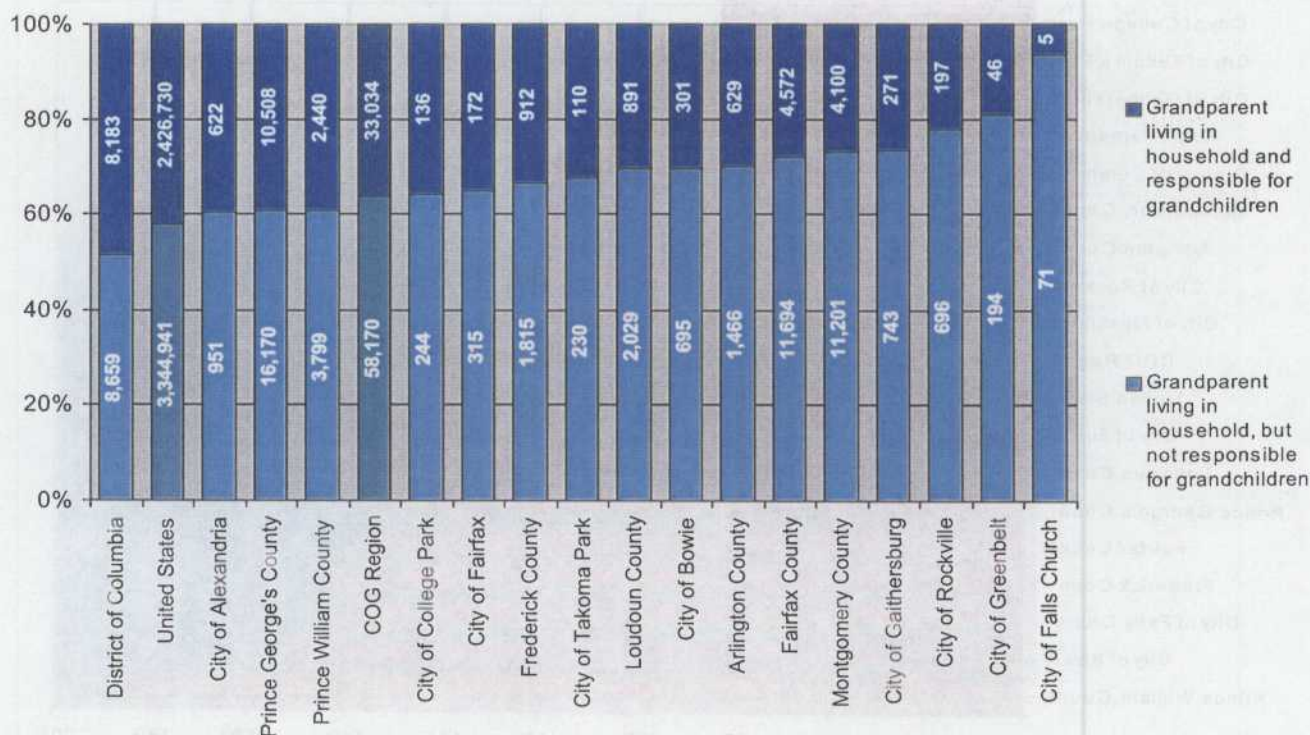
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More than 91,000 grandparents in the COG region currently reside with their grandchildren. Of this number, 36.2 percent, or more than 33,000 grandparents are responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren.

The jurisdictions with the highest percentages of grandparents as caregivers include the District of Columbia (48.6 percent), the City of Alexandria (39.5 percent), and Prince George's County (39.4 percent).

Nearly 5.7 million grandparents live with their grandchildren nationwide, and 42 percent, or more than 2.4 million grandparents are caregivers for their grandchildren. Proportionally, the COG region has fewer grandparent caregivers, 36 percent, with the District of Columbia as the only jurisdiction above the national average.

Grandparents as Caregivers



Twelve Percent of COG Population Civilian Veterans

Nearly 385,000 civilian veterans live in the COG region. Veterans represent 12.3 percent of the civilian population 16 years and over, a number that proportionally, is slightly lower than the U.S. rate of 12.7 percent.

Veterans in Northern Virginia make up 13.6 percent of the civilian population. In Suburban Maryland, the figure is 11.9 percent. In the District of Columbia, 9.8 percent of civilians are veterans.

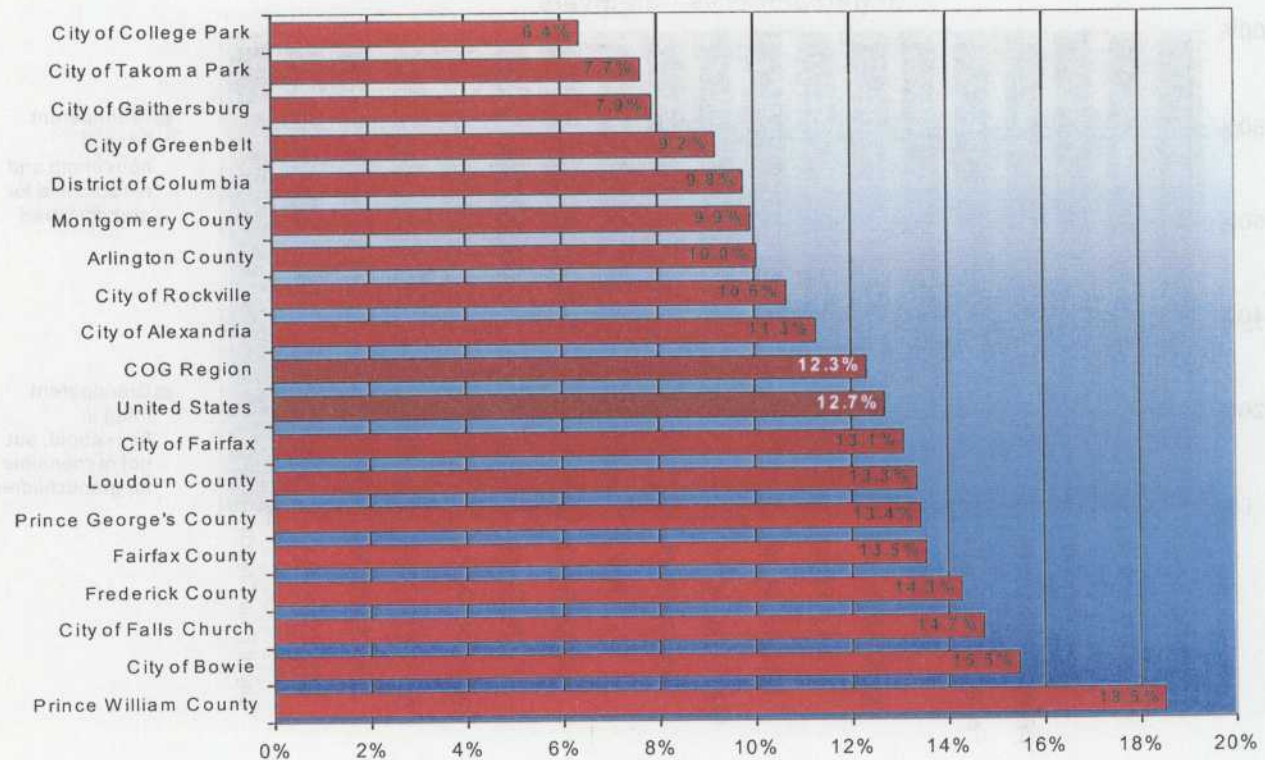
Jurisdictions with the greatest percentages of civilian veterans include Prince William County (18.5 percent), the City of Bowie (15.5 percent), and the City of Falls Church (14.7 percent).

Veteran Status

Jurisdiction	Civilian population 16 years & over	Civilian veterans	Percent Veterans
District of Columbia	454,454	44,484	9.8%
Frederick County	140,507	20,030	14.3%
Montgomery County	649,489	64,501	9.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	39,390	3,104	7.9%
City of Rockville ¹	36,099	3,841	10.6%
City of Takoma Park ¹	13,113	1,004	7.7%
Prince George's County	580,295	77,863	13.4%
City of Bowie ¹	36,221	5,601	15.5%
City of College Park ¹	21,826	1,395	6.4%
City of Greenbelt ¹	16,578	1,525	9.2%
Maryland Suburbs	1,370,291	162,394	11.9%
Arlington County	155,034	15,572	10.0%
Fairfax County	711,577	96,389	13.5%
Loudoun County	118,666	15,827	13.3%
Prince William County	187,335	34,639	18.5%
City of Alexandria	104,890	11,828	11.3%
City of Fairfax	17,037	2,229	13.1%
City of Falls Church	7,894	1,164	14.7%
Northern Virginia	1,302,433	177,648	13.6%
COG Member Jurisdictions	3,127,178	384,526	12.3%

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Veterans in the COG Region



Disabled* Population in the COG Region

Disability Status of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population

Jurisdiction	Population 5 to 20 years	Percent Population with a disability (Age 5 to 20 years)	Population 21 to 64 years	Percent Population with a disability (Age 21 to 64 years)	Population 65 years and over	Percent Population with a disability (Age 65 years and over)
District of Columbia	112,797	10.0%	349,658	21.9%	66,478	42.5%
Frederick County	46,004	7.7%	114,675	13.9%	17,581	37.1%
Montgomery County	184,200	6.8%	527,217	12.3%	93,319	32.7%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	10,461	7.7%	33,365	13.2%	4,041	42.2%
City of Rockville ¹	9,270	5.9%	28,163	12.2%	5,457	35.7%
City of Takoma Park ¹	3,438	6.4%	10,975	16.0%	1,374	38.9%
Prince George's County	193,018	7.5%	479,163	19.1%	59,611	40.0%
City of Bowie ¹	10,843	6.3%	30,271	12.9%	4,257	36.1%
City of College Park ¹	10,486	4.5%	11,640	13.2%	1,734	44.2%
City of Greenbelt ¹	4,115	6.3%	14,239	13.1%	1,453	36.9%
Maryland Suburbs	423,222	7.2%	1,121,055	15.4%	170,511	35.7%
Arlington County	25,055	8.2%	132,683	14.2%	16,369	37.1%
Fairfax County	205,610	7.1%	603,973	11.7%	73,696	32.1%
Loudoun County	37,883	5.5%	105,311	10.4%	8,878	32.6%
Prince William County	71,079	6.3%	164,893	13.5%	12,342	38.8%
City of Alexandria	16,234	8.7%	90,216	13.4%	10,486	38.8%
City of Fairfax	3,852	9.1%	13,497	13.6%	2,386	32.4%
City of Falls Church	1,953	9.2%	6,481	9.7%	1,209	30.1%
Northern Virginia	361,666	6.9%	1,117,054	12.3%	125,366	34.0%
COG Member Jurisdictions	897,685	7.5%	2,587,767	14.9%	362,355	36.4%

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Disability status of the civilian noninstitutionalized population is reported in three age cohorts: children and young adults (age five to 20 years), adults (age 21 to 64 years), and seniors (age 65 years and over).

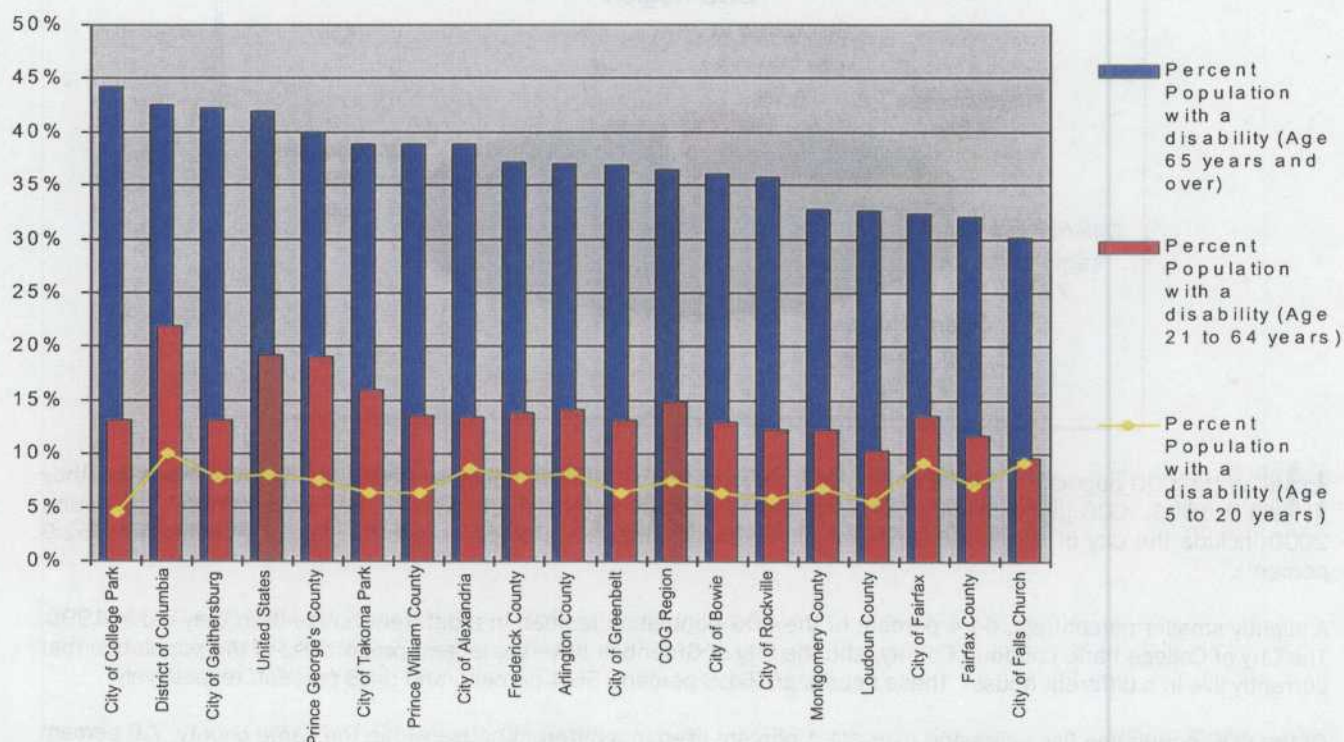
There are nearly 898,000 children and young adults (age five to 20 years) in the COG region. Of this age cohort, more than 67,000 people or 7.5 percent have a disability.

Of the adult population (age 21 to 64 years) in the COG region, 14.9 percent or nearly 386,000 people are disabled.

The senior population (age 65 years and over) in the COG region represents more than 362,000 people. Of this number, 36.4 percent or nearly 132,000 people are disabled.

The United States figures for the disabled population are proportionally higher than the COG region numbers: 8.1 percent for children and young adults, 19.2 percent for adults, and 41.9 for seniors.

Percent Population with Disabilities in the COG Region



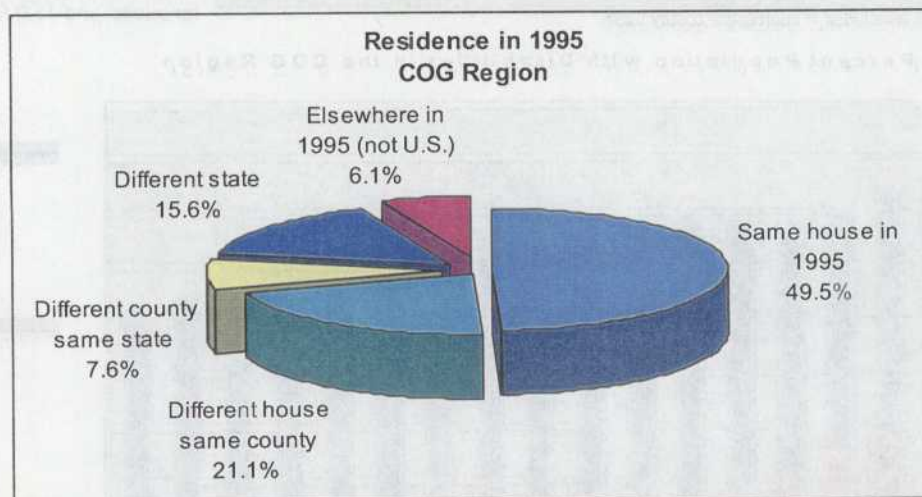
*People 5 years old and over are considered to have a disability if they have one or more of the following: (a) blindness, deafness, or severe vision or hearing impairment; (b) a substantial limitation in the ability to perform basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying; (c) difficulty learning, remembering, or concentrating; or (d) difficulty dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home. In addition to the above criteria, people 16 years and over are considered to have a disability if they have difficulty going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office, and people 16-64 years old are considered having a disability if they have difficulty working at a job.

Slightly More Than Half of COG Population Moved Between 1995 and 2000

Residence in 1995

Jurisdiction	Population 5 years and over	Same house	Different house	Different house same county	Different county	Different county same state	Different state	Elsewhere
District of Columbia	539,658	49.9%	44.5%	23.5%	20.9%	0.0%	20.9%	5.6%
Frederick County	181,218	55.3%	43.3%	20.8%	22.4%	11.9%	10.6%	1.4%
Montgomery County	813,460	52.7%	40.4%	23.2%	17.2%	4.4%	12.8%	6.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	48,311	42.0%	48.3%	28.3%	20.0%	4.7%	15.3%	9.7%
City of Rockville ¹	44,311	51.1%	37.6%	23.2%	14.5%	3.1%	11.4%	11.3%
City of Takoma Park ¹	15,930	52.9%	39.8%	17.5%	22.3%	6.3%	16.0%	7.3%
Prince George's County	743,851	52.7%	43.2%	24.3%	18.9%	5.3%	13.6%	4.1%
City of Bowie ¹	46,185	56.3%	41.9%	24.6%	17.3%	6.2%	11.1%	1.8%
City of College Park ¹	23,922	32.7%	61.6%	11.6%	50.0%	28.8%	21.3%	5.7%
City of Greenbelt ¹	19,954	34.5%	54.8%	30.9%	23.9%	7.4%	16.5%	10.7%
Maryland Suburbs	1,738,529	53.0%	41.9%	23.4%	18.5%	5.6%	12.9%	5.1%
Arlington County	179,064	39.3%	50.1%	17.2%	32.8%	11.1%	21.7%	10.6%
Fairfax County	902,189	49.2%	43.0%	18.7%	24.3%	9.5%	14.8%	7.8%
Loudoun County	153,293	40.4%	55.4%	16.0%	39.3%	20.1%	19.3%	4.2%
Prince William County	257,038	45.6%	50.3%	18.4%	31.9%	15.7%	16.2%	4.0%
City of Alexandria	120,272	36.7%	53.9%	15.6%	38.3%	16.6%	21.7%	9.5%
City of Fairfax	20,236	47.7%	42.9%	9.3%	33.6%	22.7%	10.9%	9.4%
City of Falls Church	9,751	47.2%	45.3%	6.3%	39.0%	21.5%	17.5%	7.5%
Northern Virginia	1,641,843	45.8%	46.9%	17.8%	29.1%	12.4%	16.7%	7.3%
COG Region	3,920,030	49.5%	44.4%	21.1%	23.3%	7.6%	15.6%	6.1%

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Half of the COG population five years and over, or more than 1.9 million people, resided in the same house as they did in 1995. COG jurisdictions with the highest percentage of population who did not move between 1995 and 2000 include the City of Bowie (56.3 percent), Frederick County (55.3 percent), and the City of Takoma Park (52.9 percent).

A slightly smaller percentage, 44.4 percent of the COG population resided in a different house than they did in 1995. The City of College Park, Loudoun County, and the City of Greenbelt have the largest proportions of the population that currently live in a different house. These figures are 61.6 percent, 55.4 percent, and 54.8 percent, respectively.

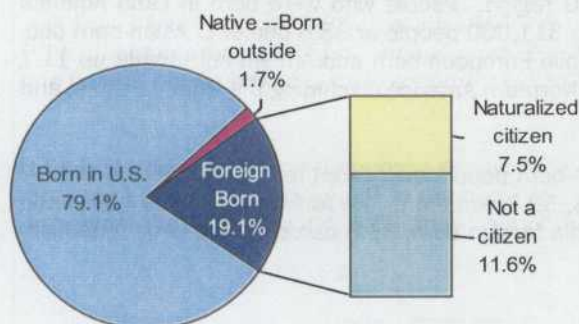
Of the COG population five years and over, 21.1 percent lived in a different house within the same county, 7.6 percent lived in a different county, but the same state, and 15.6 percent lived in a different state. Another 6.1 percent of the population lived elsewhere.

Nativity and Place of Birth in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Total population	Native	Born in U.S.	Born in State of residence	Born in Different state	Native -- Born outside U.S.	Foreign born	Entered 1990 to March 2000	Naturalized citizen	Not a citizen
District of Columbia	572,059	87.1%	85.9%	39.2%	46.7%	1.2%	12.9%	6.6%	3.9%	9.0%
Frederick County	195,277	96.0%	94.9%	53.1%	41.8%	1.1%	4.0%	1.6%	2.0%	2.0%
Montgomery County	873,341	73.3%	71.9%	22.5%	49.4%	1.4%	26.7%	11.9%	11.5%	15.2%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	52,780	65.7%	64.7%	23.5%	41.3%	1.0%	34.3%	17.8%	11.9%	22.3%
City of Rockville ¹	47,257	69.0%	67.5%	23.4%	44.1%	1.5%	31.0%	17.7%	11.1%	19.8%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,180	71.4%	69.7%	17.1%	52.6%	1.7%	28.6%	12.7%	11.2%	17.5%
Prince George's County	801,515	86.2%	85.0%	23.1%	61.8%	1.2%	13.8%	6.5%	5.3%	8.4%
City of Bowie ¹	49,866	92.6%	91.1%	31.2%	59.8%	1.6%	7.4%	2.3%	4.4%	3.0%
City of College Park ¹	24,590	87.2%	85.9%	35.1%	50.9%	1.2%	12.8%	6.8%	5.4%	7.4%
City of Greenbelt ¹	21,391	72.8%	71.3%	22.0%	49.3%	1.4%	27.2%	17.0%	7.3%	19.9%
Maryland Suburbs	1,870,133	81.2%	79.9%	26.0%	54.0%	1.3%	18.8%	8.5%	7.9%	10.9%
Arlington County	189,453	72.2%	70.1%	16.1%	54.1%	2.1%	27.8%	16.1%	7.6%	20.2%
Fairfax County	969,749	75.5%	73.2%	23.7%	49.5%	2.3%	24.5%	11.6%	10.2%	14.3%
Loudoun County	169,599	88.7%	86.7%	33.8%	52.9%	2.0%	11.3%	5.2%	4.7%	6.6%
Prince William County	280,813	88.5%	85.7%	34.8%	50.9%	2.8%	11.5%	4.8%	4.8%	6.7%
City of Alexandria	128,283	74.6%	72.6%	21.7%	50.9%	2.0%	25.4%	14.8%	7.2%	18.2%
City of Fairfax	21,498	74.6%	72.1%	25.9%	46.2%	2.5%	25.4%	13.4%	8.9%	16.5%
City of Falls Church	10,377	83.9%	80.2%	20.6%	59.5%	3.8%	16.1%	6.7%	6.8%	9.3%
Northern Virginia	1,769,772	78.4%	76.1%	25.5%	50.7%	2.3%	21.6%	10.6%	8.3%	13.3%
COG Member Jurisdictions	4,211,964	80.9%	79.1%	27.5%	51.6%	1.7%	19.1%	9.1%	7.5%	11.6%

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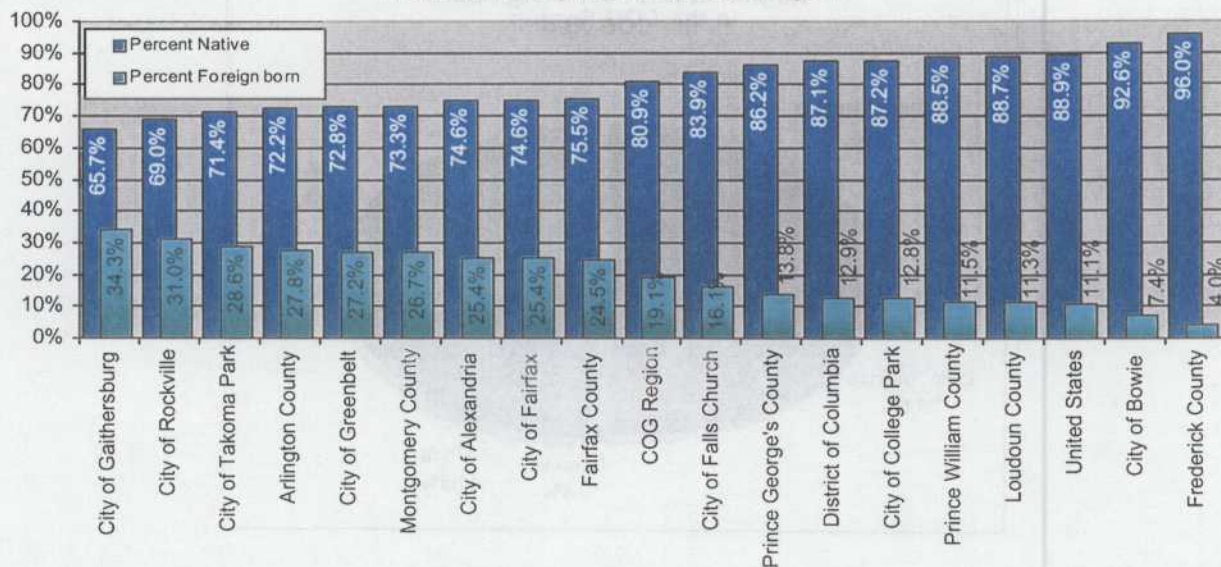
Nativity and Place of Birth in the COG Region



In the COG region, 79.1 percent of the population was born in the United States compared with 19.1 percent who are foreign born. A slim 1.7 percent are native citizens born outside of the U.S. The foreign born population is composed of naturalized citizens (7.5 percent of the total population) and those who are not citizens (11.6 percent).

The COG region has a lower percentage of native born citizens compared with the U.S. average of 88.9 percent. Conversely, the COG region has a higher percentage of foreign born people than the U.S. figure of 11.1 percent. Jurisdictions with the largest percentages of foreign born people include the City of Gaithersburg (34.3 percent), the City of Rockville (31.0 percent), and the City of Takoma Park (28.6 percent).

Native and Foreign born in the COG Region



Latin America, Asia Top Regions of Birth of Foreign Born

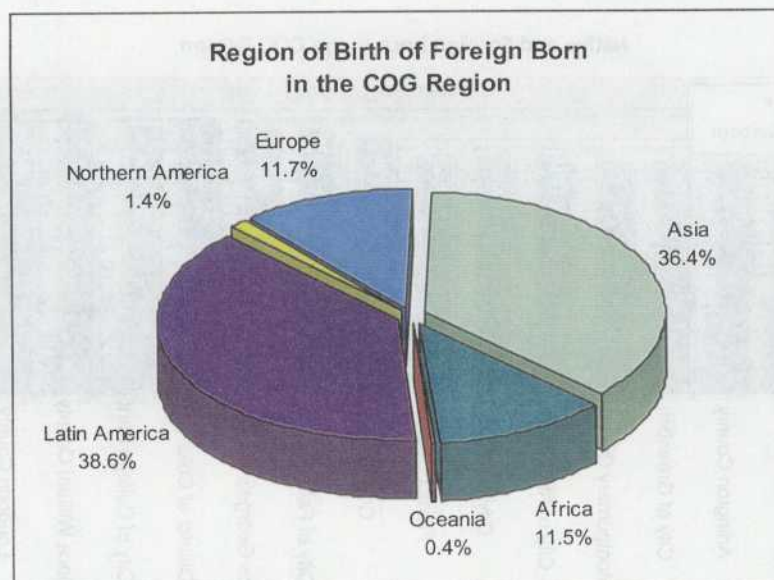
Jurisdiction	Total (excluding born at sea)	Region of Birth					
		Europe	Asia	Africa	Oceania ²	Latin America	Northern America
District of Columbia	73,555	17.6%	17.0%	12.5%	0.8%	50.4%	1.7%
Frederick County	7,779	31.4%	36.7%	5.5%	0.4%	21.8%	4.2%
Montgomery County	232,996	13.9%	38.3%	11.1%	0.4%	35.2%	1.3%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	18,084	7.8%	37.0%	8.9%	0.3%	45.0%	1.0%
City of Rockville ¹	14,644	15.7%	47.9%	5.1%	0.2%	30.1%	0.9%
City of Takoma Park ¹	4,917	7.5%	13.2%	28.7%	0.1%	49.1%	1.4%
Prince George's County	110,481	6.1%	23.0%	20.4%	0.1%	49.3%	1.0%
City of Bowie ¹	3,676	20.2%	37.8%	10.3%	0.0%	28.8%	3.0%
City of College Park ¹	3,159	13.5%	48.6%	8.9%	0.0%	27.1%	1.9%
City of Greenbelt ¹	5,822	6.5%	40.8%	27.1%	0.3%	23.9%	1.4%
Maryland Suburbs	351,256	11.8%	33.4%	13.9%	0.3%	39.3%	1.3%
Arlington County	52,693	10.0%	29.2%	9.5%	0.4%	49.5%	1.4%
Fairfax County	237,677	9.9%	50.5%	7.4%	0.4%	30.5%	1.3%
Loudoun County	19,108	17.4%	41.4%	6.0%	0.7%	30.7%	3.8%
Prince William County	32,186	13.8%	28.7%	9.4%	0.2%	46.6%	1.3%
City of Alexandria	32,600	8.6%	24.7%	23.5%	0.2%	41.6%	1.4%
City of Fairfax	5,451	10.5%	47.4%	2.3%	1.0%	37.8%	1.1%
City of Falls Church	1,667	21.5%	37.9%	6.7%	0.7%	30.4%	2.8%
Northern Virginia	381,382	10.5%	43.0%	9.1%	0.4%	35.6%	1.4%
COG Region	806,193	11.7%	36.4%	11.5%	0.4%	38.6%	1.4%

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²Oceania refers to Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean

There are more than 806,000 foreign born people in the COG region. People who were born in Latin America made up the largest portion of foreign born people, more than 311,000 people or 38.6 percent. Asian-born people accounted for 36.4 percent of the foreign born population, while European-born and African-born made up 11.7 percent and 11.5 percent, respectively. Those who were born in Northern America (excluding the United States) and Oceania represented 1.4 percent and 0.4 percent of foreign born.

In the District of Columbia, Latin American-born people and Asian-born people accounted for 50.4 percent and 17.0 percent of the foreign born population. In the Maryland suburbs, 39.3 percent of the foreign born were from Latin America and 33.4 percent were from Asia. Of the Northern Virginia foreign born, 35.6 percent were Latin American-born and 43 percent were Asian-born.



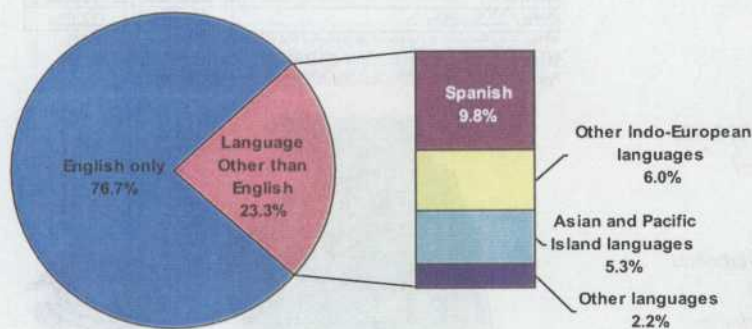
Twenty-three Percent Speak Language Other than English at Home

Language Spoken at Home in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Population 5 years and over	English only	Language other than English	Speak English less than "very well"	Spanish	Speak English less than "very well"	Other Indo-European languages	Speak English less than "very well"	Asian and Pacific Island languages	Speak English less than "very well"
District of Columbia	539,658	83.2%	16.8%	7.1%	9.2%	4.7%	4.4%	1.1%	1.7%	0.8%
Frederick County	181,218	94.4%	5.6%	1.6%	2.1%	0.8%	2.1%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%
Montgomery County	813,460	68.4%	31.6%	12.9%	11.5%	5.6%	9.3%	2.7%	8.0%	3.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	48,311	59.0%	41.0%	19.2%	19.1%	10.7%	9.7%	3.2%	10.2%	4.7%
City of Rockville ¹	44,311	63.1%	36.9%	16.8%	12.1%	6.0%	10.5%	3.8%	11.6%	6.4%
City of Takoma Park ¹	15,930	68.4%	31.6%	13.0%	14.2%	6.8%	7.6%	2.5%	2.8%	1.6%
Prince George's County	743,851	84.1%	15.9%	7.2%	7.6%	4.4%	3.3%	1.0%	2.8%	1.3%
City of Bowie ¹	46,185	90.9%	9.1%	2.6%	2.9%	1.0%	3.4%	0.6%	2.0%	0.7%
City of College Park ¹	23,922	82.1%	17.9%	6.0%	5.5%	2.2%	6.0%	1.2%	5.2%	2.3%
City of Greenbelt ¹	19,954	70.6%	29.4%	11.0%	6.2%	2.5%	7.5%	2.1%	9.6%	5.3%
Maryland Suburbs	1,738,529	77.8%	22.2%	9.3%	8.9%	4.6%	6.0%	1.7%	5.0%	2.4%
Arlington County	179,064	66.9%	33.1%	16.6%	18.0%	10.8%	6.7%	2.1%	5.3%	2.6%
Fairfax County	902,189	70.0%	30.0%	13.2%	10.6%	5.7%	7.5%	2.0%	9.2%	4.7%
Loudoun County	153,293	85.0%	15.0%	5.7%	6.1%	2.9%	4.6%	1.1%	3.4%	1.5%
Prince William County	257,038	83.7%	16.3%	6.7%	9.0%	4.4%	3.8%	1.0%	2.3%	1.0%
City of Alexandria	120,272	70.0%	30.0%	14.3%	14.4%	8.6%	6.3%	1.9%	3.4%	1.7%
City of Fairfax	20,236	69.4%	30.6%	15.0%	13.5%	7.4%	5.9%	2.2%	9.9%	5.1%
City of Falls Church	9,751	81.3%	18.7%	7.3%	7.3%	4.0%	6.9%	1.2%	3.9%	2.1%
Northern Virginia	1,641,843	73.3%	26.7%	11.9%	11.1%	6.0%	6.4%	1.8%	6.7%	3.4%
COG Member Jurisdictions	3,920,030	76.7%	23.3%	10.1%	9.8%	5.2%	6.0%	1.7%	5.3%	2.6%

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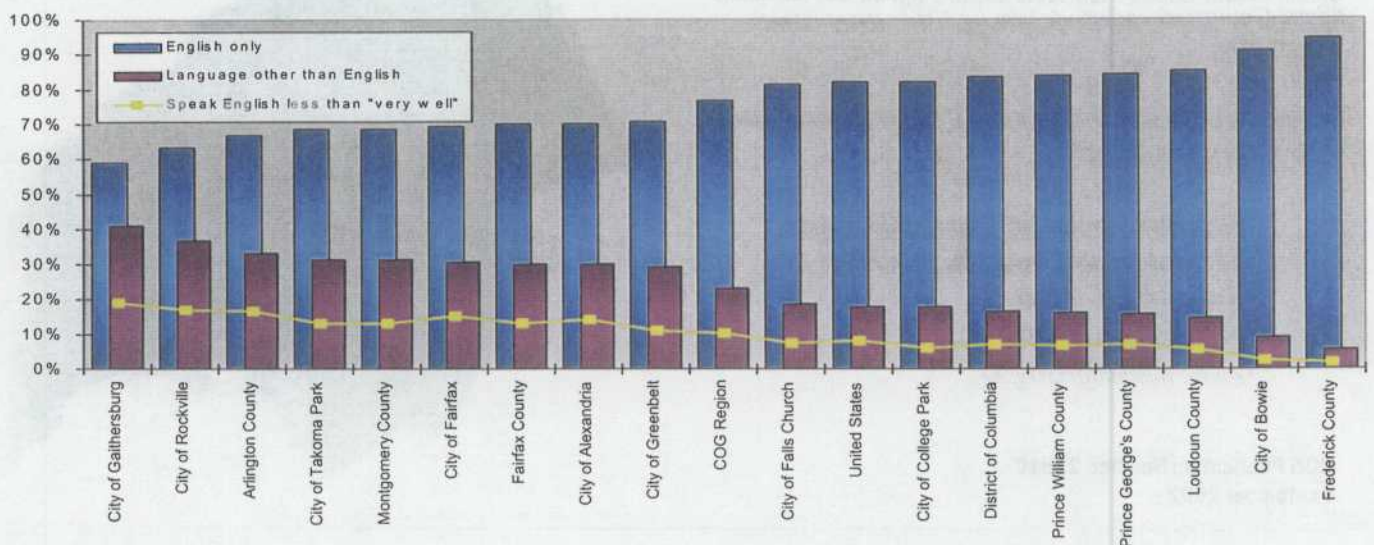
Language Spoken at Home in the COG Region



According to Census 2000, 76.7 percent of the COG region population five years and over speak only English at home compared with 23.3 percent who speak a language other than English. Spanish speakers represent nearly 10 percent, followed 6 percent who speak an Indo-European language, and 5.3 percent who speak an Asian or Pacific Island language.

Jurisdictions with the highest percentages of non-English speakers include the City of Gaithersburg (41.0 percent), the City of Rockville (36.9 percent), and Arlington County (33.1 percent).

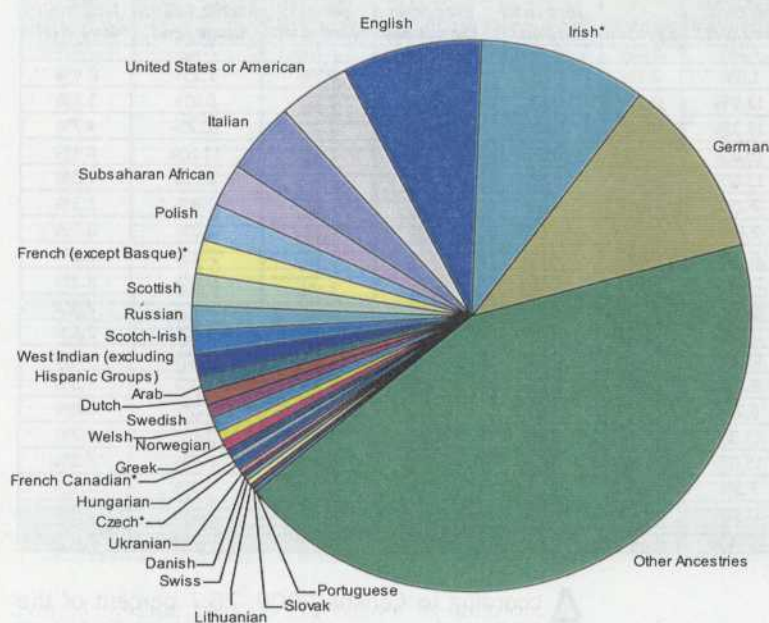
Language Spoken at Home in the COG Region



Forty-five Percent of Regional Population comprised of "Other" Ancestries

 United States
Census 2000

Ancestry in the COG Region



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Ancestry	COG Region	United States
Portuguese	0.2%	0.4%
Slovak	0.3%	0.3%
Lithuanian	0.3%	0.2%
Swiss	0.3%	0.3%
Danish	0.3%	0.5%
Ukrainian	0.4%	0.3%
Czech*	0.4%	0.6%
Hungarian	0.5%	0.5%
French Canadian*	0.5%	0.9%
Greek	0.6%	0.4%
Norwegian	0.7%	1.6%
Welsh	0.7%	0.6%
Swedish	0.9%	1.4%
Dutch	0.9%	1.6%
Arab	1.0%	0.4%
West Indian (excluding Hispanic Groups)	1.2%	0.7%
Scotch-Irish	1.5%	1.5%
Russian	1.6%	0.9%
Scottish	1.9%	1.7%
French (except Basque)*	1.9%	3.0%
Polish	2.4%	3.2%
Subsaharan African	2.8%	0.6%
Italian	4.3%	5.6%
United States or American	4.4%	7.3%
English	8.7%	8.7%
Irish*	10.0%	10.9%
German	11.3%	15.2%
Other Ancestries	45.3%	32.6%

*The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.

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